



Spring and Summer Vintage Clothes

Louise Miller and Maureen Hugunin are having a showing of spring and summer vintage clothes at the museum. The show will run from April 17th to May 29th. There will also be hats, purses, shoes and accessories.

Maureen and Louise will be hosting a reception at the Museum on Saturday, April 24th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.



"FASHIONS FROM THE PAST"
Vintage clothing exhibit, February 2009

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Director's Letter

"I have heard the piercing sound of a wounded saguaro and felt the quivering of the earth as the mighty Joshua falls but what I fear the most is the silence of the desert as the shape shifters glide through the hallowed cholla forest."

-Hardy Privots, photographer

April is already upon us and with it comes the opportunity for our country to honor all the people that serve as volunteers. Volunteers not only give up their time to help others, with no thought of financial rewards, but they also are the reason many institutions such as the Museum even continue to exist. I applaud all of Kingman's volunteers and especially those individuals that I have gotten to know and appreciate through our Museum World.

The new Ranching exhibit is coming to fruition. It should be completed by the first of April. (I love using this date, because it always gives me the "April's Fools" excuse if my prediction is wrong). This project has generated a lot of energy involving a great number of people under Karin Goudy's direction. I think that everyone will be greatly pleased by this excellent exhibit. I used to think of the Museum in terms of being completed, but my naiveté became apparent when I realized that the Museum is a living entity that will always continue to progress.

It is once again time for our yearly elections, and this year the Board chose to include a ballot in the newsletter. You, as members have always been so supportive of the Museum and your input is always appreciated. I would like to remind everyone that the Museum Board serves without compensation and through their "volunteerism", this Museum continues to have a positive impact on our community. Once again I would like to extol all of our fine volunteers.

On February 28th, my wife Lyn and myself had the great opportunity to meet George Brucha. He is one of Arizona's finest artists that speak a silent philosophy of creation and the freedom of man. I learned so much in the time that I spent in his desert sanctuary, that I would need volumes to describe the detail of his works. One the great perks of this job is when these rare experiences present themselves.

Thank you for your continued support,
Shannon Rossiter, Director

April 2010 Artist of the Month

MOHAVE ARTIST AND CRAFTSMEN GUILD

The Mohave Artist and Craftsmen's Guild was founded in May 1968, and is an Arizona non-profit corporation registered with the Internal Revenue Service.

We are pleased to feature the Mohave Artist and Craftsmen Guild in our Featured Artist room for the month of April 2010.

23rd Annual Historic Route 66 Fun Run (All Day)

Festivities will start in Seligman on Friday April 30th with registration, music, entertainment, and checking out the sights of Seligman.

Saturday morning, May 1st the vehicles will start to line up in preparation for the start of the FUN RUN to Kingman. Since this is not a timed event please feel free to stop along the way to enjoy refreshments, western dance, sample the Hualapai Tribe BBQ and check out the other vehicles as they cruise by.

Upon arrival in Kingman sometime in the early afternoon we will be lining up the vehicles (not only cars but busses, vans, cycles and RVs) on Route 66 and at the Powerhouse for viewing and fun judging. Entertainment, activities and vendors all day. Evening activities, downtown Kingman activities and entertainment sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association.

Sunday morning, May 2nd the vehicles will line up for the run to Topock/Golden Shores for the final get-together and awards. Again, not a timed run so there is plenty of time to stop along the way with Oatman being a fun place. We promise to have each and every burro in the neighborhood on the hoof to meet and greet our FUN RUNNERS. As we get closer to the event more and more activities will be added to make this year's run even more

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOHAVE MEMORIES ON THE INTERNET

www.mohavemuseum.org

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

MOHAVE MUSEUM

Mohave Artist and Craftsmen Guild

ARTIST RECEPTION

MOHAVE MUSEUM

The Guild is planning a reception on Saturday, April 3, 2010 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Please be sure to stop in and see the exhibit.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY MONTHLY MEETING

Mohave Museum Library

Wednesday April 14th, 1:00 PM

All in the family fun.

MOHAVE PIONEERS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Board Meeting

Mohave Museum Library

Thursday April 15th at 5:00 PM

Monthly Meeting

SPRING & SUMMER VINTAGE CLOTHES

Reception by Louise and Maureen

Mohave Museum Auditorium

Saturday, April 24th, 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

TRAVEL NEWS

Our Collette Vacations travel representative, Carl Crews, will meet with us at the Museum at 10:00 on Tuesday, April 13th to tell us about future trips. We have brochures available at the Museum for America's Music Cities (October)

Sicily and Southern Italy (November), California New Year's Parade and Festivities (December and January 2011).

Museum Business Membership

These are some of the Business Members who support the heritage and culture of Mohave County



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50 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

April 1960

Mr. And Mrs. Russell Petry were in Las Vegas where they visited relatives and friends, beginning next week Mrs. Thelma Bollinger will be a new employee of PETRY's.



Photo # 10250

Americas newest Compact Car
1960 Mercury Comet



DUNTON MOTORS
119 Andy Devine Ave. Kingman Ariz.

Did you know on April 8th and 9th you could get:

- 2 lb. tin of S&W coffee for \$1.33
- 2—8 oz. Cans Sardines 49 cents
- Avocados 5 cents ea.
- 10 lb. Bag Russett potatoes 69 cents
- 2 tall cans Carnation—Bordens—Pet evap. milk 29 cents

Free delivery on orders of \$5.00 or more at
LOVELAND's FOOD CENTER



The Christmas Tree Inn, Kingman Ariz. Will be honored as a 20 year member of the Duncan Hines family in Chicago, it was announced by Roy H. Park Editor in Chief of the Duncan Hines Institute, Ithaca NY.

Representative James J. Glancy and Senator Robert Morrow were called to Phoenix for a meeting relating to the boundary situation between Calif. And Arizona.



This weeks Bullhead City personality is one of the oldest continuous residence and businessmen of Bullhead City. MR. ORAN C. BUCK. Mr. Buck came to Bullhead at the end of World War II and remained to successfully operate Bucks Sporting Good and Service Station.

To bring a close to the Mohave County Cancer Crusade the "Harlem Stars" will appear here to take on a scrappy Kingman group including "Low Ball Lee" Williams, "Diving Dave" Cunningham, Dick "The Maverick" Molene, "Lofty Les" Byram, "Chuckling Chuck" Orr, "Jumping George" Noli, "Bouncing Bob" Neal, and other great talent from Seligman, and Parker.

80 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

April 1930

Frank Soto came in from his ranch near Ft. Mohave the first of the week to purchase a new Ford Truck from the "Kingman Motor Company"



FLASHY PROFESSIONAL CLUB WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW FOR SEASON'S INITIAL BALL GAME.

Baseball, its here! Not to be outdone by the Pro's, Kingman will initiate the 1930 baseball season when they cross bats with Marty's speedy all-Indian pro baseball club out of Los Angles. The Indian team is made up of graduate athletic celebrities from the Sherman Indian Institute of Southern Calif.. Ed. Hilty will captain the team for the upcoming season.

Kingman dropped the seasons first ball game to Indians 10-2 in a somewhat slow game.

Paul V. Long, son of Mr. And Mrs. W.H. Long of Oatman is home this week from Los Angles where he is a student in the dental college of the University of Southern California.

Painters are busy this week decorating and repainting the front of Babbitt Brothers store, the new colors to be black and gray.



Photo #1562. Ca 1930

Babbitt Brothers Trading Company

General Hospital is praised by National Inspection Officer. Arizona's representative, Dr. Moots found the local hospital in excellent condition, and commented this locality was extremely fortunate to have such services available.

100 YEARS AGO FROM THE MOHAVE COUNTY MINER

April 1910

Henry Lang and wife, J.D. Jordan, and Mike Coleman have organized the White Bird Mining Company with a capitalization of one million one dollar shares. It is their intention to mine a group of mines in Union Pass.



Photo #13799, Van Marter Funeral Parlor hearse taken in 1910.

It is reported that six more automobiles are added to the automobile possessions of Kingmanites. These machines are necessary to the business life of a community in these bustling days and every business person will sooner or later have to make the investment.

H.H. Watkins has secured the agency for the Victor Talking Machine and is prepared to supply machines at a cost of \$17.50 to \$250.00. Samples are on hand



Mrs. E. Starkey is building one of the neatest cottages in town on her lots on Cedar Street.

Photo #3063, Left to right; Esther (Mrs. Starkey), Melvina "Vina", (never married), Alice, Married Blackwell, Wellington S. Starkey, Minnie in front (Mrs. Ila Grounds).

Hoover Dam Bypass

From the Library
Kay Ellermann- Librarian

BOULDER DAM (Now Hoover Dam)

Introduction from Judith Sattler Irons

The Boulder Canyon Project was a U.S. Government project initiated to: control the flooding and irrigation of the Imperial Valley; and to provide power to growing areas of population in Nevada and the surrounding states.

The Boulder Canyon Project Act created a Federal Reservation of the lands required for the construction of the Hoover Dam and resulting body of water created by the damming of the Colorado River. Boulder City was a U.S. Government controlled town, within the Reservation perimeter, planned and constructed solely for the housing of workers and their families during the construction of Hoover Dam. The original town planned by Saco DeBoer, consultant for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, was expanded in size because so many of the men that came to work on the dam migrated from every state in the union with their entire families. This necessitated the construction of houses rather than just barracks for single men.

The mass migration of population in our country during this period of time in the 1930's was due to increasing depression type economic forces (known as the Great Depression); as well as weather patterns that created dust bowls of the food producing areas in the mid-west and southern states. Millions were thrown into poverty when the economy failed, with no resources like unemployment or welfare to get them through this Economic depression.

After the Hoover Dam construction began, the U.S. Government responded throughout America with large construction (FERA, WPA and Civilian Conservation Corp.) projects. Other than the Civilian Conservation Corps., the Government programs attempted to utilize labor forces that were local to the areas of construction to avoid the type of migration that took place with the announcement of the future Hoover Dam construction. The construction of Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and Boulder City became the engineering marvel of the decade and retains its place in history, even today, as one of the major engineering achievements of time.

Judith Sattler Irons has produced a CD for our files that consists of 4400+ pages detailing names and source documents where articles on each person will be found. The information for the **Workers and Pioneer Families** include: name of construction worker or pioneer family member; wife's maiden name children's names; relationships between worker and pioneer family members, alias or nicknames, alternate spellings found for names; employers and job performed and quick reference detailing source documents where **additional information** on each

individual will be found. Additional sections include Companies, Businessmen and Government Officials associated with the planning and construction of Hoover Dam and the Boulder Canyon Project. **Families will be able to use this reference to trace their ancestors who migrated to Arizona/Nevada and social researchers can trace mass migration created by the Depression. (CD's are now available in the gift shop).**

HOOVER DAM BYPASS

The Hoover Dam Bypass is on schedule and on budget. As of right now the Colorado River Bridge is scheduled to be complete by September 2010. The Bypass is scheduled to be fully complete with traffic moving on it, by November 2010.

The Colorado River Bridge will have a name. The United States Congress officially named it the "Mike O'Callaghan-Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge". Mike O'Callaghan was a longtime Nevadan, former Governor, community leader and businessman. He died in March 2004 at the age of 74. Pat Tillman graduated with honors from Arizona State University and played professional football for the Arizona Cardinals before joining the Army. He was killed in Afghanistan in 2004 at the age of 27.

The budget remains unchanged at \$240 million. The Colorado River Bridge construction portion of that budget is \$114 million.

The \$240 million budget consists of \$100 million in federal funds, \$20 million each from Arizona and Nevada, and \$100 million in state bond funds. Of the approximate \$130 million in bond funds (\$100 million plus interest) advanced by Arizona and Nevada, approximately \$96.3 million has been repaid.

There will be a sidewalk on the north side of the bridge for optimum viewing of Hoover Dam. It is part of the pedestrian and visitor amenities, which include a parking lot, trail and interpretive plaza. The bridge is 1,900 feet long, the arch span is 1,060 feet long, the bridge deck and sidewalk is located approximately 900 feet above the Colorado River and the bridge is approximately 1,500 feet south of the Hoover Dam.

For those of you with computers check out the project web site, www.hooverdambypass.org.



Mike O'Callaghan - Pat Tillman
Memorial Bridge



Wild Horse in Corral



1910 - New Shoes



"Roaching" - Cutting mane to make horse hair ropes



Roping



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IS
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Membership Renewal

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Margie Cornwall, Kingman, AZ

Memorials

If a Memorial donation is not designated for a specific purpose, it will be used at the Museum's discretion

In Memory Of

William C. "Bill" Brown
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Edna D. Scarborough
Edna D. Scarborough
Anthony "Tony" Andrew Arnold
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WHO WHAT AND WHEN IN MOHAVE COUNTY



Photo # 10479

The mill complex at the Samoan mine properties
ca. 1907.



Photo # 10466

Leonard Hoffman, one of the mining movers and
shakers in Mohave County, ca. 1917



William P. Mahoney, sheriff of Mohave County

Samoan Mines

The Samoan group of mines is located in the Wallapai Mining District on the west slope of the Cerbat Mountain Range about three miles east of Chloride and just north of Cherum Peak at the 5900 foot level.

The Samoan property consists of ten claims including the Samoa No. 1, Samoa No. 2, the Fourth of March and the Mountain Dew.

A number of mining conglomerates have controlled the property from time to time with the earliest Mohave Miner newspaper reference being 1891. Intermittent production took place until the start of World War II with the most active period for gold and silver production in 1907.

In the early days ore to be processed was hauled down the mountain by burro pack to the railhead at Chloride for transfer to the smelter at Needles, California.

One of the leading developers of the Samoan Properties was Kingman resident Leonard Hoffman who had numerous mining interests in Mohave County in the early years of the past century.

William P. Mahoney

Born in Ireland, William P. Mahoney, Sheriff of Mohave County from 1919 to 1926, came to this country at the age of twenty one and worked in the mines at Chloride from 1901 to 1912. Mr. Mahoney organized Arizona's first ever Miner's Union in Oatman in 1912 known as the "Snowball Miners".

Mr. Mahoney served in both houses of the Arizona State Government before becoming the Sheriff of Mohave County in 1919.

Sheriff Mahoney organized the pursuit and capture of the San Francisco Chinese Tong members who gunned down a local restaurant employee at the Commercial Café in Kingman in during a Tong War vendetta in 1926.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

It wasn't the reward that mattered or the recognition you might harvest, it was the depth of your commitment, your quality of service, the product of your devotion.

These were the things that counted in life when you gave purely the honor in giving and that was honoring us.

Author –Capt. Scott O'Grady

April is National Volunteer Month

We will be honoring all our great volunteers at our Annual Awards Banquet at the Mohave Museum on April 10, 2010, at 10:00 am. The Museum Board is planning a catered brunch, local entertainment and an award presentation. Please plan on joining us and bring a friend. We hope to see you there.

Valuable is the work you do.
Outstanding is how you always come through.
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer,
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year.
Notable are the contributions you make.
Trustworthy in every project you take.
Eager to reach your every goal.
Effective in the way you fulfill your role.
Ready with a smile like a shining star,
Special and wonderful - that's what you are.