

**LAKE HAVASU MUSEUM OF HISTORY
PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR 2017/2018**

September

September 12 **Havasu Antique Roadshow**

This is a repeat of last year's road show appraisal event. The Havasu Antique Roadshow is set for Sept. 12 at the ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City gymnasium. Appraiser David Bolster will be on hand to evaluate antiques and collectibles. Bolster has spent 63 years collecting antiques and collectibles and has been working with nonprofit organizations with his own style of fundraising in the "Antiques Roadshow" format as featured on the Public Broadcasting System. Bolster has been offering appraisals at the Mohave County Senior Center in Lake Havasu City for many years. He has been a member of two American appraisal organizations, has written several articles in regional and national antique trade magazines. In addition, Bolster hosted his own monthly educational appraisal show on TV 45 for six years. Folks can bring their treasures to the ASU gym to be appraised at the Sept. 12 program. Items are limited to two per person. There will be a \$5 charge for the appraisal of two items. **This program will begin at 5:30 p.m. to allow more time for appraisals.**

October

October 11 **Wild, Weird, Wicked Arizona •**

For a state that has been home to Geronimo, Wyatt Earp, César Chavez and Wonder Women, you would think Arizona earned some respect. Yet achieving statehood was a 50-year struggle, which finally ended on Feb. 14, 1912. Speaker Jana Bommerbach borrows from both her work for True West Magazine and her work for Phoenix Magazine to put the 48th state into perspective. She shares some of the secrets prissy folks would rather forget. You will learn why this small state has had an inordinate influence on American politics, and why, no matter what outrageous thing happens anywhere in the world, there is bound to be an Arizona connection. This wicked, weird and wild romp through Arizona's colorful history will shock, delight, inform, tickle and leave you wanting to learn more! **(Please note this program is on WEDNESDAY NOT TUESDAY.)**

November

November 14 **Hi Jolly and Mystery of the U.S. Army Camel Corps ****

This presentation will explore the U.S. Army's experiment with using camel from the Middle East to make it more mobile in the newly acquired Southwest. In order to teach the soldiers about camels, a local from the Middle East, who was called Hi Jolly, was shipped over with the camels. Even though Secretary of War Jefferson Davis desperately wanted the Camel Corps to be successful, the experiment was a failure. Find out what happened to the camels and their minder, Hi Jolly, with the conclusion of this experiment. AZ Humanities speaker R. Casey Davis has been an educator for 15 years and a writer for much longer. He has presented previously for Arizona Humanities, as well as for regional, state, and national conferences on a variety of topics.

December

December 13 **Party Among The Trees**

The 16th Annual Christmas Tree Festival at the Lake Havasu Museum of History begins Nov. 28 and will continue until Jan. 2, 2018. The Christmas Tree Party Among the Trees is Dec. 13, from 4 to 6 p.m. Hot Wassail, punch and cookies will be served and Christmas carolers will set the tone. There is a rumor that Santa might show up. Dian Gibson decorates and donates a special tree to be raffled off at the party and it can be taken home that night. Raffle tickets are available at the museum.

January

January 9 **TBA**

February

February 13 **Vintage Arizona: The Growth, Death, and Rebirth of a Local Wine Industry ****

Arizona's wine industry is booming. Starting from almost nothing in the 1970s, there are now more than 50 wineries across the state and more starting every year. Despite the youth of the current industry, there is a long history of wine-making in Arizona dating back some 200 years. Using numerous illustrations, Arizona

Humanities speaker Erik Berg traces the fascinating – and often amusing – story of Arizona wine from the Spanish Colonial period to the present. Topics include pioneering efforts using wild grapes, Mesa’s forgotten 19th century wine industry, the illegal raisin wineries of the Great Depression, and the unlikely band of aspiring winemakers that led the modern rebirth of Arizona wine in the 1980s.

March

March 3

Renaissance Royal Banquet

Details to follow

March 13

River of Dreams: Stories and Music of Arizona’s Waterways **

Arizona’s rivers were first, lush green ribbons of life through a desert landscape. They became sustaining paths, first for the indigenous, later for immigrants leaving wagon tracks. On the Salt River, Hohokam built vast canals to direct water for irrigation. The first citizens of Phoenix used these same trenches. The Mohave tribes ruled the Colorado — that great western Nile, then gave way to the paddleboats of European explorers. The Gila provided sustenance for the Pima and passage for such brave adventurers as Father Garces and Olive Oatman. As Arizona’s only “National Wild and Scenic River,” it is home to more than 50 endangered species. The history, stories and songs are shared interactively by Arizona Humanities speaker Dr. Jay Cravath.

April

April 10

Flagstaff Pioneer John Elden: Murder, Mystery, Myth and History **

The best-known and perhaps most visited grave site in northern Arizona belongs to little Johnny Elden, Jr. His 1887 murder remains one of the most infamous in Territorial history. Today, Johnny rests alone in a rock-covered grave at the base of the mountain named for his father. A beautiful U.S. Forest Service interpretive panel nearby describes the awful crime. Johnny was just 6 years old when he was shot and killed by itinerant mule skinner Bob Roberts in a dispute over water. Although the murder has haunted Flagstaff for over a century, did it really happen? Arizona Humanities speaker John Westerlund examines the story of pioneer John Elden, the murder of his son, and the contribution of myth to history.

- **Please note this program is on a Wednesday ... not Tuesday! There will be a \$5 charge for non-museum members.**

**** Arizona Humanities programs sponsored by the Lake Havasu City Allied Arts Council, Inc. Programs are at the ASU Colleges at Lake Havasu City gymnasium. A reception for members only is from 5:30-6:30 p.m., and the program will follow at 7 p.m. also in the gymnasium. Signs will be posted to direct attendees. The programs are free and open to the public.**