



Volunteer Training Begins January 11

Paging volunteers, old and new! Volunteer training begins on January 11, offering a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the Museum and its functions. While this training course is a great place to start for new volunteers, it also lets more seasoned volunteers brush up on their Museum knowledge.

2018's course is newly-revised, with updated building manuals and completely fresh material on recent exhibits—including the recently-completed Prehistory wing of the Lawler Exhibit Center.

The 16-week Thursday schedule provides each volunteer the proper historical background to share their personal passion for local history with the surrounding community. Training topics will include Sharlot Hall (the museum's founder), Museum exhibits, *continued on pg. 5*

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Exhibit Commemorates Arizona & The Great War

Slated to open in March, the Museum's newest exhibit *Arizona and the Great War* highlights the centenary of Arizona's involvement in World War I, from 1917-1919. Artifacts and stories from Prescott and Yavapai County will be featured in the various displays.

When America joined the war in 1917, the country – and Arizona – was unprepared for war. Patriotic spirit, however, ran high. With food prices escalating and rations in place, many people grew their own Victory gardens and learned how to can food. Women stepped forward to fill vacancies in the workforce, and were beneficiaries of the state's first minimum wage law. Citizens also bought war bonds and savings stamps.



The WWI Victory Medal awarded to Americans who participated in the Great War

Another war had to be fought at home, however: the Spanish Influenza of 1918 quickly grew to a pandemic and swept the nation, claiming some 675,000 American lives. Incredibly, more U.S. soldiers died from the flu than were killed in battle during the war.

All these and other stories will be headlined in the upcoming exhibit, *Arizona and the Great War*. For a sneak peek at one of the exhibit dioramas, check out this issue's "Curators' Corner!" (*see page 3*).

Historical Displays Mounted at Findlay Auto

In January, corporate Museum member Findlay Auto Group will be mounting two Museum-sponsored displays in the showroom and customer waiting room at their Prescott location.

The main display will feature a 48'x4' mural of historic Prescott photographs, with a smaller legend detailing the contents of each picture. The second display will feature panels and graphics from the Museum's 2016 Medal of Honor exhibit, honoring Medal recipients

from Arizona. Both displays have been designed in-house and will be mounted by Museum staff and volunteers.

The displays will provide waiting customers with a teaser-glimpse of Arizona history as they conduct business or wait while their car is serviced. Through their partnership with Sharlot Hall Museum, Findlay Auto Group is proud to encourage awareness of and demonstrate their commitment to the preservation of local history.



Fred Veil
Executive Director

The end of one, and the beginning of a new calendar year – it's a time to reflect on the one that has passed and

look ahead to the challenges of the new. I am pleased with both the results and confident of the challenges ahead.

2017 Highlights

In July we opened the final phase of the Museum's prehistory exhibit. *Prescott Culture* presents the history and evolution of the native peoples who inhabited the Prescott area from 300 AD to 1300 AD. It is an important addition to the prehistory wing of the Lawler Exhibit Center, complementing the *First Americans* (Clovis) and *Beasts* exhibits opened in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

Prescott Culture is the product of years of research by our now-retired Curator of Anthropology, Sandra Lynch, the creativity of exhibit designer/artist George Fuller, and the skill and imaginative work of our construction and installation team, Cody Bennett and Tim Yungman. Kudos also to Ken Leja for his multimedia presentation of the *Hilltop Sites*, and to Mick Woodcock for his management of the project.

We also had a very successful 13-month run of *Meeting the 4 o'clock Train*, an exhibit featuring the colorful history of the railroads of Central Arizona. This exhibit included a model representation of the Prescott station and yards of the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix Railroad, and was funded and constructed by the Central Arizona Model Railroad Club. The Club also restored a Santa Fe Railroad baggage cart, which was on display as well. We are deeply indebted to the Club and its members for their generous support.

The Museum also made considerable progress in its campaign to fund the design and construction of a 7,000-square foot Education Center on the Museum campus. A recent grant of \$500,000 by the Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation has put us within reach of our \$2.25 million goal. I am confident we will hit that target by the end of this fiscal year.

Meanwhile we have contracted with W. Alan Kenson & Associates, a local architectural firm, for the final design and engineering work for the project, with an eye toward commencing construction later this year. We will, of course, keep you informed on our progress as the project develops.

Looking Ahead

In March, we will open a new exhibit in our changing exhibit gallery in the Lawler Exhibit Center. *Arizona and the Great War* will recognize the 100th anniversary of America's involvement in World War I, with an emphasis on its impact on the home front. This exhibit will replace the railroad exhibit referenced above, and is currently under construction and installation. We will, of course, hold a members preview of the exhibit once we have a firm date for its public opening.

Finally, 2018 will be the year we celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Museum. It was on June 11, 1928 that Sharlot first opened the doors of the old "Gubernatorial Mansion" for public display of the pioneer and Native American artifacts she had collected during her lifetime in order to preserve the history of Arizona and its Central Highlands. The Museum staff is currently in the planning process for events that will commemorate this important milestone throughout the year.

It promises to be another eventful year. Thank you for your continuing support – both past and present – and that which I know you will give the museum in 2018.

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Curators' Corner

by Mick Woodcock

One of the features of our next exhibit in the Lawler Exhibit Center Theater will be a diorama of a World War I trench.

When Curator of Collections Kylin Cummings first indicated that we should have this as part of the exhibit, we all thought: "When you've seen one trench, you had seen them all."



A miniature model of the exhibit's life-size trench diorama, yet to be built

On further investigation, however, that turned out NOT to be the case. Since one of the earmarks of a good curator is accuracy, we have spent more time researching the topic.

Although this is a temporary exhibit, it is receiving the same attention to detail that any of our permanent exhibits would. For that reason, we are preparing a furnishing plan for the trench, just as we have for our historic buildings.

A furnishing plan gives historic information, a list of artifacts to be used, and contains a bibliography of sources consulted.

This may seem like extra work for something that is temporary, but we are committed to excellence.

As an Arizona history museum, our exhibits reflect the people of central Arizona—and so this trench should reflect (to the best of our abilities) what our Arizona men fighting overseas experienced.

We hope that our dedication to history will show when this exhibit opens in March of 2018.

FRONTIER Christmas

Young and old enjoyed an evening of festive fun at the Museum's annual Frontier Christmas, held December 2. Unseasonably mild weather accompanied the event, bringing record crowds. Children made Victorian-inspired Christmas crafts, adults enjoyed holiday musical performances, and all ages thrilled to stories from Living History interpreters of Prescott "Christmases long, long ago." A spirit of festive cheer pervaded the Museum, marking the start of a wonderful holiday season in Arizona's Christmas City!



Volunteer Training Sessions Commence January 11

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buildings, local anthropology, the history of Central Arizona, and more.

This training prepares volunteers to fill much-needed Museum roles, including those of tour guide, building docent, Living History interpreter, or assistant with Collections, Museum festivals, archival work, and much more.

Classes will be held Thursdays at the Museum, from 8:30-10:00 a.m., January 11-April 26, and are open to the general public. To sign up or for more information, contact Murray Smolens at 928-277-2006 or murrays@sharlot.org.

Volunteer Training Schedule *(current as of 1/5/2018)*

Thursday, January 11	Introduction to the Museum
Thursday, January 18.....	General Guidelines for Museum Volunteers
Thursday, January 25	Sharlot M. Hall: A Biographical Sketch
Thursday, February 1	The Territorial Governor's Mansion
Thursday, February 8.....	The Frémont House
Thursday, February 15	Museum Exhibit: <i>Yavapai: People of the Dawn</i>
Thursday, February 22.....	Tour of the Museum
Thursday, March 1	Your Role as Tour Guide or Docent
Saturday, March 3	Museum Exhibit: <i>Beasts!</i>
Thursday, March 8	Mammoths to Mice, Spears to Grinding Stones
Friday, March 9	Tour of Ft. Whipple Museum
Thursday, March 15.....	Museum Exhibit: <i>Prescott Culture & Hilltop Sites</i>
Thursday, March 22.....	Archives & Research Methods
Thursday, March 29.....	The Transportation & Sharlot Hall Buildings
Thursday, April 5.....	The School House, Ranch House, & Ft. Misery
Thursday, April 12.....	Tour of Collections
Thursday, April 19	Docent & Tour Guide Training
Thursday, April 26.....	The Grounds & Rose Garden Kiosk

Upcoming Lectures to Educate and Entertain

Get ready for the 2018 Lecture Series at the Sharlot Hall Museum! This year, our presentations will continue to highlight the colorful history of Arizona.

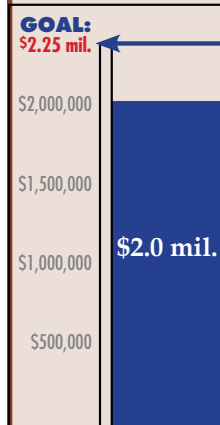
In addition to the topics for our January-April lectures (listed on this issue's events page), we will explore the geology of the Central Highlands, learn about historic printing presses in Arizona, the artistic diversity of the Yavapai Tribe, Arizona's deadliest gunfight, the origins and impact of Yavapai College, and the unique stories found in Yavapai County Cemeteries.

For more information on these lectures and for upcoming dates and topics, check our website (sharlot.org) and Facebook page.

News Briefs:

DON'T MISS OUT on the 2017 tax credits. For federal records, the deadline is Dec. 31., but the state credit may be applied to state tax returns through April 15.

When writing your tax-credit donation check (up to \$800, or \$400 if single or head of household), make it payable to *Prescott Evening Lions Foundation*,* and designate on the check *Sharlot Hall Museum* as the charitable recipient. Mail your check to the Museum: 415 W. Gurley Street, Prescott 86301.



Education center funding commitments continue to build for this capital campaign. With the recent contribution from the Kemper & Ethel Marley Foundation, this campaign is within reach of its goal of \$2.25 million.

Your help in achieving this goal allows construction to begin this year.



Fred Veil accepts a check from Jim Webb, representing the Marley Foundation

TTrueWest magazine recently awarded Sharlot Hall Museum with its 2018 "Best of the West" recognition for Best Pioneer History Collection. This award is one of four received for Prescott; three "Best of the West" honors also were received by the City of Prescott. In addition, TripAdvisor awarded the Museum the perfect 5-Star designation for 2017 -- based on visitor responses.

2017 in review

The last year brought many memorable moments for the Museum. Here's a few of our favorites!



The ethnobotanical garden's petroglyphs are a star feature of the Museum grounds.



(Above & right) Exhibits were built, maintained, and moved throughout 2017...here's to another year of education and adventure!



New pavement for the Summit St. parking lot!



Representatives of the Daughters of the American Revolution honor Sharlot Hall.



Fred Veil speaking at the Annual Meeting.



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Upcoming events at Sharlot Hall & Fort Whipple museums.

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WINTER HOURS: Monday thru Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
Sunday, 12 noon to 4 p.m.

COMING SOON - "Arizona and the GREAT WAR" - A new exhibit in the theater gallery that features the challenges, experiences, and impact on citizens in the newest state of the Union (Arizonans) being involved in the "Great War" in Europe... a centennial heritage exhibit from the trenches of the Ardennes to the farms and families of the Southwest.

13 JANUARY - Saturday - ARIZONA HISTORY ADVENTURE at the Museum features indoor past-times & activities when it was cold outdoors on the frontier. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE for children.

20 JANUARY - Saturday - "Virgil Earp: Toughest of the Earps!" - Brad Courtney and Prescott Constable Ron Williams introduce you to perhaps the toughest of the Earp bunch, Virgil. Many are familiar with the shootout at the OK Corral, but unaware that Virgil's law enforcement career began on the streets of Prescott, or that his favorite western town was Prescott. **Museum Lecture Series.** West Gallery - 2 p.m. Admission FREE.

10 FEBRUARY - Saturday - "Downwinders Program: Are You Eligible?" - Shannon Williams, health promotion programs manager with RESEP, presents a history of Nevada nuclear testing and how its long-term effects impact local residents. She outlines how one may be eligible for compensation from the federal government if they qualify for Downwinders' assistance. **Museum Lecture Series.** West Gallery - 2 p.m. Admission FREE.

10 FEBRUARY - Saturday - ARIZONA HISTORY ADVENTURE at the Museum features make it or fix it - clothing construction and repair on the frontier. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE for children.

10 MARCH - Saturday - "Arizona Women's Hall of Fame History" - Norma Jean Coulter and Zona Lorig, both with the AzWHF executive committee board, share stories that tell of a group of resilient women who struggled and preserved, often under difficult circumstances, and left their mark as AzWHF honorees. **Museum Lecture Series.** West Gallery - 2 p.m. Admission FREE.

10 MARCH - Saturday - ARIZONA HISTORY ADVENTURE at the Museum features frontier medicine - how settlers treated sickness. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE for children.

14 APRIL - Saturday - ARIZONA HISTORY ADVENTURE at the Museum features Spring work in the garden, as well as necessary housekeeping chores. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE for children.

21 APRIL - Saturday - "Museums, Historic Objects and the Stories These Tell" - Sandra Lynch, curator emeritus, describes how the fields of history, archaeology, anthropology and museum studies intersect; she describes how artifacts tell stories and how museums get these objects. **Museum Lecture Series.** West Gallery - 2 p.m. Admission FREE.

12 MAY - Saturday - ARIZONA HISTORY ADVENTURE at the Museum showcases 'the way we wash our clothes' on the frontier. Doing laundry in the Pioneer Living Area, and planting in the garden. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE for children.

19 MAY - Saturday - FRONTIER ARIZONA EXPERIENCE (at the Fort Whipple Museum) celebrates its founding in 1863. Cake anyone? 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE for children.

2-3 JUNE - Saturday & Sunday - FOLK ARTS FAIR - 45TH ANNUAL - Enjoy the crafts, trades and amusements of the past, a bygone era re-created, as well as good ol'-fashioned fun. More than 75 activities and presentations feature traditional folk and pioneer "Living History" crafts and more. Lots of hands-on activities for young people. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; Admission \$9; members \$5, FREE for 17 & under.



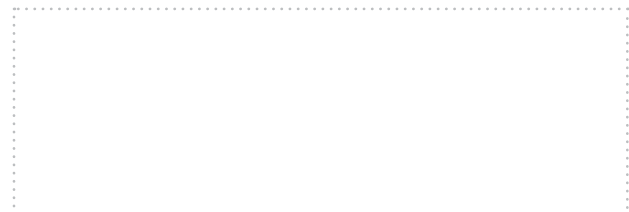
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2-3 JUNE - Saturday - ARIZONA HISTORY ADVENTURE at the Museum features "Life in Old Arizona: A Living History Extravaganza." 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE for children.

11 JUNE - CELEBRATE THE FOUNDING OF SHARLOT HALL MUSEUM - On this date in '28, Sharlot Hall opened the doors to her Museum in the "Gubernatorial Mansion." **SAVE THE DATE** as plans feature a celebratory experience on the Museum campus.



16 JUNE - Saturday - "Geology of the Prescott Region" - Phil Blacet, PhD, discusses two billion years of geologic history in one lesson. The complexity of the Central Arizona's lengthy geologic history will be made comprehensible to an interested public even without formal geologic education. **Museum Lecture Series.** West Gallery - 2 p.m. Admission FREE.

14-15 JULY - Saturday & Sunday - PRESCOTT INDIAN ART MARKET - 21ST ANNUAL - Indian artists and vendors showcase hand-crafted native wares, traditional food, music, and dance. **Come for the fry bread; stay for ...**the exhibition and sale of pottery, jewelry, paintings, and sculptures at this premier, Southwestern juried art show. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday; Admission \$10; members \$8, FREE for 17 & under.

4 AUGUST - Saturday - Western History Symposium, 15TH Annual features informative presentations on a variety of subjects relevant to our western heritage. Co-presented with the Prescott Corral of Westerners Int'l. 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Prescott Centennial Center, Admission FREE.

18 AUGUST - Saturday - SHARLOT'S WINEFEST - 6TH ANNUAL - Tastings of premium wines, craft brews, spirits and gourmet hors d'oeuvres at this fundraising event on the picturesque Museum campus. 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Admission \$55 per person, \$100 per couple.