

Grapevine News



COLORADO RIVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

The Petroglyphs of Grapevine Canyon and Christmas Tree Canyon When Rocks Begin to Speak

Last month's article was about the rich river valley of Bullhead City and Laughlin, where hundreds of silently speaking rocks, called petroglyphs, are located. You read about the layer of rock that is known as the patina and how the buildup of the patina over thousands of years provided a surface that could be etched into petroglyphs usually with a rock tool.

The following article is more interesting information about these ancient artifacts and how you can see them in Grapevine Canyon.



During an early era in the history of the Mojave Valley, some say as early as 2,500 years ago, primitive cultures learned the basic concepts of design structures to make symbols and visual representations of things they could or could not see. Since there was no written language, these primitive people needed a

permanent system to record historical events such as battles, give directions on a trail, point to landmarks and rivers, and provide other information that their tribe needed to communicate. These symbols also had religious messages that were held sacred to these ancient tribes. *Continued on pg2*

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To visit the petroglyphs, go up Route 163 toward Las Vegas for about seven miles to a sign that says, "Christmas Tree Pass." Turn right on a dirt road for about two miles to another sign that says, "Grapevine Canyon Parking." Turn left and you will find a parking lot. It is a short easy hike, (about ¼ of a mile), to see the petroglyphs. Because of the easy access to these treasures, any resident or visitor can embark on a journey of discovery as long as you have plenty of drinking water, and some good hiking boots. Having a copy of the book, "The Rocks Begin to Speak," by LeVan Martineau, is not necessary but could be helpful in trying to decipher these images for it can be said that petroglyphs are the remnant signposts of a civilization long vanished.

WORD PUZZLE

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ANCIENT
ARTIFACT
CANYON
COMMUNICATE
CULTURE
DECIPHER

DESIGN
DISCOVERY
GRAPEVINE
JOURNEY
RECORD
REMNANT

RICH
RIVER
SIGNPOSTS
SYMBOLS
SYSTEM
TREASURES

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi - It's April

Our event last month with Beth Wexler of the Burro Barn in Fort Mohave was really a hit! Beth brought one of her donkeys "Mr. Mohave" who was 43 years old. He was quite a character and spent some time with the audience as Beth talked. The discussion was very lively, with many questions coming from the group. Thank you so much Beth for all the information you brought to this event.

And don't forget to stop by the museum and see all the other wonderful things we have accomplished. The Educational Garden is starting to bloom out and is really beginning to look lovely.

We are hoping to bring up our membership. Come on out everyone and try to get people to join. Businesses or corporations also. Such a wonderful experience to be a member of the Colorado River Historical Society.

And if you know anyone that wants to volunteer. Send them our way we need volunteers!! Anyone over 18 is welcome. With that said, welcome to our new volunteers Ann, Dennise and Carie.

We have a couple interesting events coming in May. Check in the Event section of this newsletter or our website for information. We are also seeing more kids coming for our local elementary schools this year to learn about our rich history here in the Tri-state area through our Educational Programs.

One last thing, we are still looking for a refrigerator for our new building, please contact Laurie Thompson or Karole Finkelstein. I want everyone to know anytime you need to talk or ask questions please call me Karole Finkelstein at 928-219-2582 and I will try to answer as many questions as possible,

See you next month!

Sincerely
Karole Finkelstein
President

EVENTS CALENDAR

All events are at the museum unless otherwise stated

Chamber of Commerce Mixer - Garden Party:

Joint Bullhead City, Laughlin and Needles Chamber of Commerce. Come by and enjoy the fun.

May 16th 2024 - Thursday 5pm-6:30pm(AZ time)

Debbie Miller-Marschke - Olive Oatman:

We will be hosting Debbie Miller-Marschke characterizing Olive Oatmans history and stories. We will also have a representative from the Goffs Museum in California. This will be an interesting evening. Come and join us!

May 22nd 2024 - Wednesday 5pm-6:30pm(AZ time)

FUNDRAISING ACTIVIES

Raffle Item: *If My People* by Jack E. Dawson

We are giving you the chance to win this beautiful print. We are selling tickets from March 15th - May 22nd at the museum. You can use cash, debit, or credit card to purchase.

\$1.00 per ticket

\$10.00 for 12 tickets

\$5.00 for 6tickets

\$20.00 for 25 tickets

You need not be present to win.



Plate Inscription at bottom

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land.

Recipe Corner

Carmel Sauce

By Robbie Adams

8 oz block cream cheese (softened)

1 c. brown sugar

1/4 c. light karo corn syrup

Mix together and serve over:

Ice Cream'

Sponge Cake

Use as a dip for sliced apples

DEBBIE MILLER-MARSCHKE as OLIVE OATMAN

We will be hosting Debbie Miller-Marschke (in full costume) characterizing Olive Oatmans history and stories.

Wednesday, May 22nd
5:00-6:30 PM

1239 Highway 95
(in BHC Community Park)
Bullhead City, AZ 86430

We will also have a representative from the Goff's Museum in California. This will be an interesting evening.

For further information
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Mission Statement

The mission of The Colorado River Historical Society shall be to operate a museum to promote interest and knowledge concerning the history of the Lower Colorado River area, most specifically the Tri-state area.

**CALL FOR
VOLUNTEERS**

The Colorado River Historical Society Museum is seeking volunteers. If you enjoy history and want to learn more about the area, the society needs you. This is a chance to meet area visitors from all over the world and form friendships with a wonderful group of volunteers. Many of our volunteers are part-time residents and retirees. Hours are flexible and duties are as easy or challenging as you would like.

Examples of the types of volunteer we need:

- Docent
- Gardener
- Teachers
- Fundraising & Event Coordinators
- Handyman
- Data Entry
- Marketing

**March 2024 Crossword Puzzle answers:
Petroglyphs**

