

# Grapevine News



COLORADO RIVER HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY MUSEUM

## The Petroglyphs of Grapevine Canyon and Christmas Tree Pass

In the historically rich river valley of Bullhead City and Laughlin, there are hundreds of silently speaking rocks. These rocks are called petroglyphs. A petroglyph is a pecked or abraded image that is created by using a hand tool which was usually a rock. Since there was no written language, the primitive people needed a permanent system to record historical events, give directions on a trail, point to landmarks and rivers, and give other information that their tribe needed to communicate. That system is known as



petroglyphs, Indian writing or rock art. In the Southwest desert, there is a layer on the rock that is known as patina or more commonly known as desert varnish. Patina is a chemical reaction with the chemicals in the rock and the dust in the air. A layer builds up over thousands of years, and is quite simple to chip through.





## FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

**Don't forget to order your Honey Baked Ham for Easter.**

Deadline for ordering - 12 noon 3/28/2024  
Call Susana for details and to order at  
928-234-4807

*Each ham purchased helps support the museum!*



**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 6 tickets                      \$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.*

## PRESIDENTS CORNER

Hi - It's March!

Our building is done. So exciting. Thanks to Larry Adams of Pueblo construction. We got our certificate of occupancy.

Also, just a reminder, we are still looking for a refrigerator for our new building.

Lots of things going on in March. Including Winter Fest for seniors at the Bullhead City Chamber of Commerce. On the 21st of March. Come on down and enjoy all the great information on our city. And a wonderful meeting place to meet people.

The Educational Garden is amazing! It is starting to wake up from its winter of rest. Lot's of new growth and even some flowers.

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

Also, don't forget to stop by the museum and see the wonderful things we have accomplished.

We are hoping to bring up our membership. Come on out everyone and try to get people to join. Such a wonderful experience to be a member.

And if you know anyone that wants to volunteer send them our way. We need volunteers!! Anyone over 18 is welcome.

Also, everyone getting better and recovering. So thankful.

Sincerely  
Karole Finkelstein  
President

### A Note From our Membership Chairman:

Remember, December was the month that your 2023 membership expired. We sent out a reminder letter recently to renew your membership to all of you that are coming due.

Thank you again for all your support!

If you have questions about membership, or you're interested in becoming a member, please reach out to Ellen Brown at 928-542-1160 or see one of the docents when you visit the museum.

Ellen Brown

## EVENTS CALENDAR

*All events are at the museum unless otherwise stated*

### **Beth Wexler from Beth's Burro Barn:**

Come join us for a special and interesting talk from Beth about our Tri-state burro's.

Rumor is she will be bringing someone special with her.

***March 20th 2024 - Wed 5pm-6:30pm(AZ time)***



### **Chamber of Commerce Mixer - Garden Party:**

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

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

### **Debbie Miller-Marschke - Olive Oatman:**

We will be hosting Debbie Miller-Marschke characterizing Olive Oatman's history and stories. We will also have a representative from the Goff Museum in California. This will be an interesting evening.

Come and join us!

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



## CURATORS REPORT

The Collection's storage addition to the museum is very near completion, with only a few details remaining. I want to thank Larry Adams of Pueblo Construction for serving as the contractor for the job. Larry, as most of you know, has been involved in the development of the museum from the inception and we are grateful for his support.

We have begun the process of moving the collection into the new space, which includes the portion of the collection that had been kept in a rented storage facility, eliminating that expense. The flat file cabinets storing maps have been moved from our library, providing space again for meetings in that room. The newspaper and periodical collection are being catalogued and then transferred to their new location. It is a time consuming process, but we are all excited to eventually have the collection in one space, with room to grow!

Thank you to those who contributed to our building fund and the City of Bullhead City for making this possible.

Carla Lucas

Curator





# WORD PUZZLE

## Petroglyphs

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CHEMICAL  
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 LANGUAGE  
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PETROGLYPHS  
 PRIMITIVE  
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 ROCKS  
 SPEAKING  
 SYSTEM

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 TRAIL  
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February 2024 answers: Hardyville Cemetery

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# GIFT SHOP NEWS

## Meet Karin of Karin's Fine Art Gallery

We are now carrying some of her work.  
 Some beautiful and interesting items!



**KARIN'S FINE ART GALLERY**  
 Original Southwest Paintings & Photography

- Outdoor Metal Art
- Greeting Cards
- Giclee Canvas
- Archival Prints
- Magnets

FOLLOW ON FACEBOOK:  
 KARIN'S FINE ART GALLERY  
 530-313-3132

We proudly offer our guests a private, sophisticated & thought provoking experience while viewing original fine art; infused with story-telling, and emotional depth.

We have established a reputation of extraordinary personal customer service while one considers items for their home, office and personal gifts.

Open studio/gallery is available

7 days a week in Bullhead City, AZ 86442  
 Call or text Karin to schedule a visit





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(last admittance 3:00pm)

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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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.*

**VOLUNTEER  
CORNER**

**Highlighting volunteer Rosemary Vanassa:**



Many, many thanks Rosemary for all your help and dedication to the operation of the museum!

**SEEKING COLLECTION  
DONATIONS**

We are always looking for any artifact that is pertinent to our Tri-state area. This includes, but is not limited to, photographs, family histories, mining equipment, Davis Dam, Native Americans, steamboats, ranching, fossils, explorers, highways, historical maps, churches, service clubs and businesses.

- ◆ We cannot accept an artifact with stipulations on it such as it must be displayed in a particular way or time period.
- ◆ We do not accept loans.

Give us a call at the museum if you have an artifact or historical item you would like us to consider.