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MESA HISTORICAL MUSEUM

UPCOMING EXHIBITS AND EVENTS

CLOSURE ACTIVITIES

- Cleared out two remaining classrooms that were being used as storage to make way for new exhibits.
- Created Online Collections and Virtual Exhibits which are accessible through our website.
- Revamped the entire collections department and updated our database.
- Cleared out Old Town and Myrick Room for cleaning and organizing collections.
- Created three new exhibits and revamped the Mesa History Room.
- Held weekly staff meetings and worked together as a team each week to create new storyboards and displays to share with our visitors.



Temporary shelving set up in auditorium to inventory collections



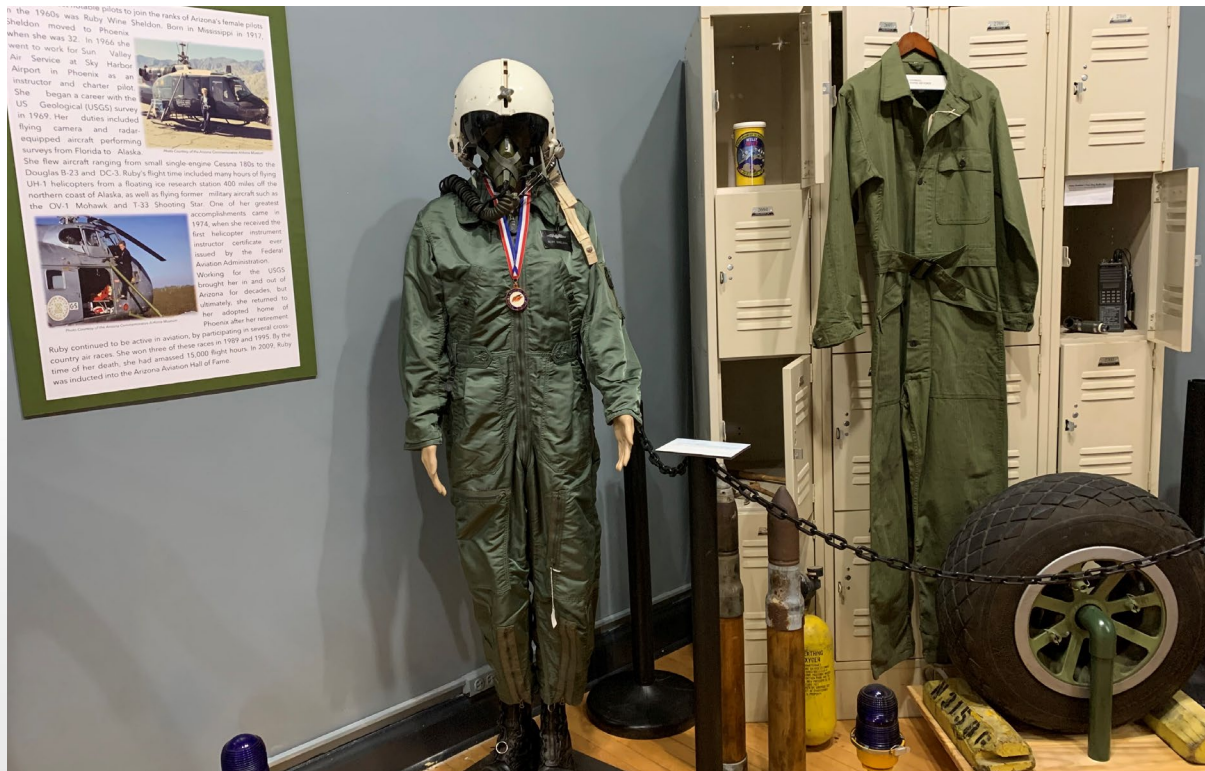
Staff organizing and documenting collections



NEW EXHIBITS

WOMEN IN AVIATION

Women in Aviation honors the contributions by women aviators who lived, worked and flew in Arizona. We worked closely with Wings of Flight Foundation out of Falcon Field to obtain objects for the exhibit. It was difficult finding some of the artifacts we needed due to so many closures. However, the Phoenix 99s, Chandler Museum and Pima Air and Space Museum loaned us objects as well.



Aviatrice Ruby Wine Sheldon's flight suit



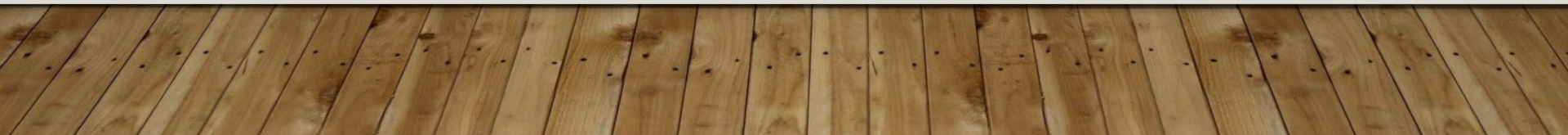
Bomber style jacket typically worn by WASPs during WWII



First class of ten female pilots trained by the United States Air Force at Williams AFB

LEHI SCHOOL EXHIBIT

- The history of the Lehi School, home of the Mesa Historical Museum
- Never before seen photos of elementary classes in the early 1900s
- Rotating high school graduation classes
- Artifacts such as yearbooks, diplomas and books from the early 1900s





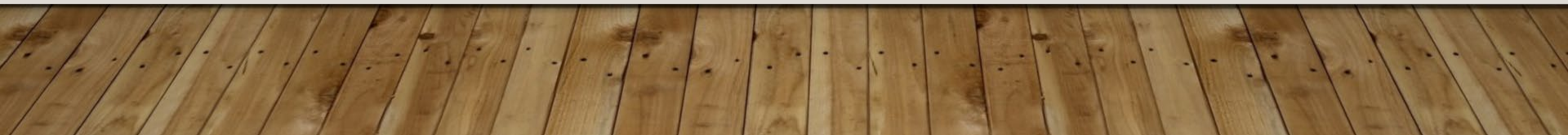


Lehi First Grade Class 1919

MESA HISTORY ROOM

The newly renovated Mesa History Room now includes the domestic life of the founding men and women, including agriculture and blacksmithing as well as the 5 Cs of Arizona.

Our goal for this room is to use it as a teaching exhibit for students who want to learn about the settlement of Mesa.





The 1893 organ was donated to the Museum by the Crismon Family

FOUNDING FAMILIES EXHIBIT

- This exhibit will showcase a wide array of collections and stories from members of the first founding families who settled in Mesa and Lehi.
- Construction of a “front porch” area that will become interactive with stories and guest speakers
- The Founding Families room will be a permanent exhibit at the Mesa Historical
- Some of the family collections include Dana, Lesueur, Pomeroy, Crismon and Rogers to name a few. We will be dedicating a full storyboard to all of the founding families within the exhibit.



Founding Families Room is still a work in progress

FUTURE EXHIBITS

- Permanent *Play Ball* exhibit which we plan to open before spring training in 2021.
- Highlight the birth of the Cactus League and the impact that spring training has had on the Mesa Community.
- Our upcoming special exhibits for 2021 includes *Diversity in Mesa* which will feature the many cultures in the community including a special display that honors Dr. Alston, the first black doctor to practice in Mesa.

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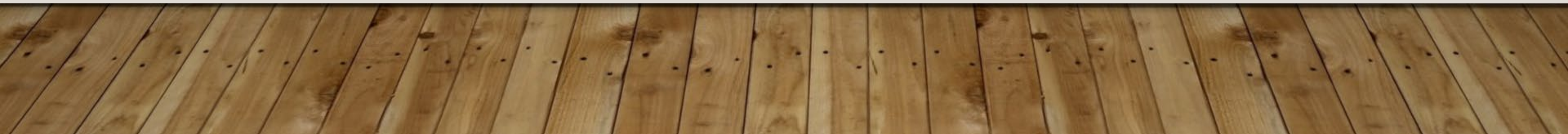
- We received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from AZ Humanities CARES Act to create a virtual exhibit.
- We also received a grant for \$370 from the AZ Preservation Foundation to purchase software to create an online digital collection.
- We were awarded \$1,300 grant from Arizona Historical Society to conduct an Oral History Project

FUNDRAISING

- We are holding a rummage sale on September 25 and 26
- We are planning a huge book fair for the first week in December.
- Our Cemetery Tour is scheduled for October 24th
- Donor appeal letters will be sent out in late November to attract increase our membership now that we have re-opened.
- A Spring event is being discussed by our fundraising committee

ONLINE COLLECTIONS AND VIRTUAL EXHIBITS

- Our new Online Collections is a search tool that allows community members and other enthusiasts to look through some of our collections and search our objects, photographs, archives, and library resources.
- This week we plan to unveil our Virtual Exhibits which will explore some of our Buckhorn Collection, Baseball Collection, class photos of the various Mesa Schools, a Pioneer Collection (photos and artifacts from early Mesa/Lehi pioneers), a collection of photographs of early Mesa sights, and a virtual exhibit that explores fashion through the years.



Welcome to our Online Collections Database!

Tips for Searching

Keyword Search

The **Keyword Search** button allows you to perform a general search across multiple fields for any catalog records online. Keyword searches use OR as the default connector between words (e.g. a search for *Hanley Ranch* will return records associated with *Hanley* OR *Ranch*). If you want to find records where both keywords are found, type in AND between the two words. To search for a specific phrase, be sure to put the phrase within quotes (e.g. "Rocky Pine Ranch"). You can also use the asterisk (*) as a wildcard (e.g. a search for *histor** would come up with records containing *history*, *histories*, *historical*, etc.). Searches are not case sensitive.

Advanced Search

The **Advanced Search** button can help you be more specific with your search. You can search for a word or phrase within a particular search category or use multiple categories to further narrow down your search results. For example, searching *White* in the People field will bring up any records associated with a member of the *White* family, without having to sift through black & white photographs. You can also search People and Creator records through Advanced Search. Phrase searching with quotes and use of wildcards (*) are available in Advanced Search.

Random Images

The **Random Images** button is a great way to just browse the collection. Each Random Images page displays a random assortment of images from the records online. If something piques your interest, click the thumbnail to view a larger version of the image.

Catalog Searches ([Archives](#) / [Photos](#) / [Libraries](#) / [Objects](#))

Front page of our Online Collections Database

Mesa Historical Museum Virtual Exhibits



Pioneers

Mesa and Lehi settled in the area in the 1870's and this exhibit shows their daily life through photographs and the items they used to survive and thrive in their new homes.... [View Exhibit Page](#)



Mesa Sights

Photos of people, places, and events in Mesa and Lehi from its early days on.... [View Exhibit Page](#)



Buckhorn Baths

In 1939 Ted and Alice Sliger were looking to dig a well on their property. Instead, they found hot, undrinkable mineral water and decided to open up the Buckhorn Baths Motel. This attracted the attention of the baseball players in town for Spring Tra... [View Exhibit Page](#)



Baseball

Baseball and Spring Training in Mesa... [View Exhibit Page](#)



Cat People of the Outer Regions: Cat People Dolls made by Karen Kuykendall

Eccentric artist Karen Kuykendall created a fantasy world that consisted of 5 Queendoms of the Outer Regions -Sapphire, Diamond, Ruby, Emerald, and Topaz. These "Cat-People" inspired a lot of her artwork which includes dolls, sculptures, paintings, a... [View Exhibit Page](#)



Fashion through the Ages

Various clothing items from the late 1800s and on... [View Exhibit Page](#)

Mesa Historical Museum 2020

Front page for our Virtual Exhibit



The Mesa Historical Museum Public Re-opening:

Saturday, October 10, 2020
from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Visitors will be required to wear facemasks

We recommend calling ahead to reserve a
timeslot

Hours during October:
Wednesday-Saturday 10 am - 2 pm