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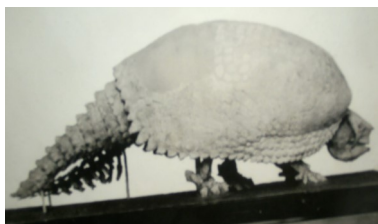


## St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society

*Our Mission: To serve the community of St. David and the San Pedro Valley as a society enabling the preservation and development of our historical and physical heritage, while promoting the cultural arts.*

JUNE-JULY 2016

## EVENTS & NEWS



### DINOSAURS IN ST. DAVID — WHAT A FAMILY STORY!

*Clea Brown will tell the story,  
Friday, July 22, 7:15 p.m.  
(Pioneer Days schedule inside)*

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## "OUR FAMILY STORIES" - St. David PIONEER DAYS Set for JULY 22-23

Who doesn't love parades, history, frog races, watermelon contests, barbecues, foot rodeos, music under the stars and fireworks?

If you celebrated St. David Pioneer Days with us last July, you know it will be a ton of fun, and a great opportunity to spend time with family, see old friends, and make new ones.

Here are some things you will want to know:

- The theme for this year's parade and events is "Our Family Stories."

- We'd love to have you or your organization be in the parade, be a vendor, donate a drawing item, or help with an event. See the Pioneer Days insert inside for more information.

- A schedule of events is included on the Pioneer Days insert in this issue, and on our website and Facebook pages. Questions? Email us! (See address at left).

- Please spread the word to others who have been a part of the St. David com-

munity in the past, or who love this area. "Like" us on Facebook and invite others to do the same.

### FIREWORKS DONATIONS NEEDED -- will you help?

**Make a Fireworks donation and qualify for great Pioneer Days drawing prizes and more.**

See back page for details; **learn how to receive a FREE St. David history book** with your Heritage Quilt ticket order, fireworks, membership, or other contribution.

### What's YOUR Family Story?

"Our Family Stories" is the theme for this year's Pioneer Days celebration in St. David on July 22-23. We look forward to the creativity of those who will enter into the parade. Our Grand Marshall, Clea Curtis Brown, has lots of wonderful stories of St. David (hear a fascinating one on Friday evening, July 22).

We believe that EVERYONE has a story about how they became connected to St. David or the San Pedro Valley, and what is so special about living here.

**Please join us in the cool Lansing Auditorium following the parade (9:45-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 23) and share your story. We'd love to hear it and make it a part of our Heritage collection.**

*To get you thinking about your story, here is one told by Patty Walmann, St. David resident for the past ten years:*

#### Being a Neighbor in St. David

"The summer of 2006 was our first summer in Arizona. We feared the Arizona summer so had made arrangements to

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### 2016 Heritage Quilt Benefits St. David Schools

Queen Size, by Wilda Dillman  
Valued at \$1,500

**- NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN -  
SEE PIONEER DAY INSERT OR ORDER  
FORM ON PAGE 4 FOR TICKET INFO**

## Dinosaurs in St. David: Clea Brown's Family Story

**This year's Pioneer Days Parade Grand Marshall, Clea Curtis Brown**, can tell lots of family stories from the San Pedro Valley. One of her favorites is her remembrances of her father assisting J.W. Gidley as he unearthed ancient fossils on the Curtis Ranch during several digs between 1922 and 1936.

And if you've visited the Smithsonian's American Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., you've seen a mastodon, glyptodont, and other impressive skeletons from right here in St. David.

**On Friday, July 22, 7:15 p.m.**, in the Lansing Auditorium in St. David Schools' 1938 Building, Clea will tell her story and show pictures of the finds. Bring your curiosity and your questions!

Clea Curtis Brown was born September 7, 1918, to Milton and Alice Curtis at the home place in Curtis Flats, south of St. David. Her father, Milton, was a second generation St. Davidite, having been born in 1884 in "Old St. David" only a few years after the first settlers arrived.

Clea spent all her growing up years in St. David, and began her school career in the wooden schoolhouse which stood then where the post office is now. When she was in 5th or 6th grade, the students moved to a newer building across the street on the current school grounds. She graduated from St. David High School in 1937, in a class of 21 students — quite a large class by the standards of the day.

Clea married Chester Brown in 1941; they settled in Pomerene and raised six children there, moving to St. David in 1973.

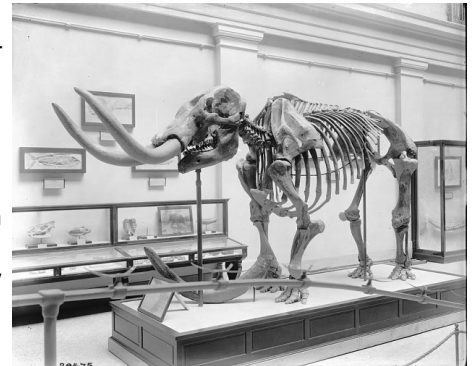


*Thank you, Clea, for being our 2016 Pioneer Days Parade Grand Marshall!*

One of the three mastodons and the rare large glyptodont (pictured on page 1) found on the Curtis Ranch have been part of the permanent display at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History for many years.

Come learn about the other amazing finds and Clea's remembrances of those days when she was a young girl and her father helped make some amazing discoveries.

*See the enclosed schedule for all the Pioneer Days events, starting on Friday evening with an oxen plowing demonstration and Clea Brown's "Dinosaurs in St. David." Join the parade — the flyer will tell you how!*



*(Neighbor... -- Continued from page 1)*

take our grand-daughter to Disneyland and escape the heat for a few days. While there we received a call at 10 pm from our tenant who sounded terrified. She told us there was a terrible storm going on, the power had gone out and she heard a tree fall. She didn't know which tree or if it had fallen on anyone or anything. She couldn't see anything and it was still storming. We said we'd start for home in the morning.

"We came back the next afternoon. Our beautiful, old but healthy cottonwood had been hit by lightening and split apart. Part of the tree had gone across the road and a work crew had been called out that night to clear the road, Highway 80. The other half of the tree was sprawled across our pond, our driveway and our tenant's yard. What a mess! We didn't know where to begin. Thank Goodness nobody was hurt or killed.

"The day after, Pete Haymore, our neighbor, stopped by to say the Scouts needed a service project and had agreed to clean up that tree and get it out of the pond. We couldn't believe his offer. But several days later I looked out the front window and there were about a dozen brawny young men in our pond with chain saws. Cars were pulling up and kids and women were getting out with food and drink to share. Adele Haymore with their two older kids and their brand new baby, Kirsten, were there. She was the only person I knew. I asked her how much we owed for all this. She said, "Absolutely nothing!" I was moved to tears.

"That was our introduction to neighbors and friends, Saint David style." —Patty Walmann

**Be sure to stop by July 23 and share your family story!**

## Trees and Water — St. David Landmarks, Part I

Chances are, when someone asks you where you're from and you tell them St. David, they exclaim, "Oh, you mean the green spot on the way to Tombstone!" or "Yes, I love seeing the trees and ponds!" Or, you may be one of many folks who became interested in living in St. David because you loved how you felt when you drove into our little community and saw an oasis of green in the miles of desert landscape. The large trees along Highway 80 and the associated irrigation ditch system that keeps them alive have been major landmarks here for generations.



Jim Mayberry, long-time St. David resident, says his grandfather's property ran along the south side of the road from Church Street to the river. "Those trees have been there all my life," he recalls. He says the trees were planted as fence posts by the property owners to keep the cows off the road. "They would cut off big limbs from the cottonwoods by the river, stick them in the ground and string wire from them. The limbs were still alive, and and being along the latera, started growing since the ditch was there."

Jim recounts that the trees provided shade for children's play, outdoor kitchens and dining tables, and places to work out of the summer's sun. "Then the mulberries started coming in there and grew

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## Important Bits & Pieces...

**GENEALOGY BOOK SALE JULY 22-23** — A large number of books from the former Family History Center will be offered for sale during the Friday evening and Saturday morning activities of St. David Pioneer Days, July 22-23. The sale will take place in the 1938 Elementary Building of St. David Schools. Proceeds will be used to protect, preserve, publish, and make available for research the materials most important to the history of the San Pedro Valley and its families. We have determined to keep books and histories most connected to our local area, to Arizona and surrounding areas, as well as some more general research items. Many of the items we are not keeping may be just what you need for your own family history research, and these items will be included in the sale.



**IMPORTANT NEW ACQUISITIONS IN OUR HERITAGE COLLECTION** — Over the past several months, the St. David Heritage Society has been the recipient of a large number of important additions to our archival and research collections. First, with the closing last summer of the St. David Family History Center on Pomerene Rd., many of the books and local histories housed there have come our way. We have also received donations of papers, artifacts, and historical research from the collections of Louise Larson and Joanne Kartchner, who spent countless hours documenting the local history of Pomerene, Benson, St. David, and the San Pedro Valley. These additions add greatly to our effort to be a repository for history and family stories from our area. Our plans include making these collections available to the public, in person and digitally. We'd welcome your help!

**PROGRESS REPORT: ST. DAVID SCHOOLS' 1938 BUILDING** -- Last year's installation of heating and cooling for the Lansing Auditorium has made a huge difference in the enjoyable use of this classic auditorium. This year, in partnership with the PTO and donations from many of you and from Apache Nitrogen Products, the building interior is getting a facelift. Expert patching, texturing, and hallway painting by Tom and Johnny Schmidt is nearly completed. We will look forward to the rest of the painting happening in the coming months. Come see the new look on Pioneer Days!



**VERY LIMITED QUANTITIES REMAIN** of the St. David Commemorative Plate depicting the now razed LDS Chapel which stood at the corner of Hwy 80 and Church Street, 1948-2014. The beautiful painting by Karina Bryant Stanger is a fitting remembrance, and the plate comes with a historical booklet filled with photos and information. To order, see form on page 4, or contact us. The booklets can also be purchased separately.



**JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST FOR UPDATES ON OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS** - Learn some local history and help with a variety of historical and cultural projects. We'll resume regular monthly meetings in August, and a few committees meet as well. If you would like to be kept abreast of these and other happenings, email us at [saintdavidheritage@gmail.com](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com). We'd love to have you join with us!

**NEW BOOK OF ST. DAVID AREA STORIES COMING SOON** — A wonderful collection of stories from the past is being prepared for publication by Larry Scott in partnership with the St. David Heritage Society. Currently under review, the book promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable read, and some of the stories just might surprise you! Larry is a master storyteller and has pulled together some important and little known remembrances that characterize life in this valley in years past. Come to the "What's Your Family Story?" event on July 23 and you can get a sneak preview!

**ST. DAVID IRRIGATION SYSTEM — PHOTOS & INFO SOUGHT** — We're looking for historical photos and memories of the canal and ditch that have served St. David for 130 plus years. What do you know about its construction, maintenance, and usage that would help us record the story of this water lifeline? Does your family have photos of the water system from years ago? Do you have memories of using or playing in the water as a child? Are there any photos in your family possession? Do you remember stories of your relatives participating in its construction? If so, email us at [saintdavidheritage@gmail.com](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com), or call Larry Scott at 520-237-0716. Thanks!

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO OWN AN APACHE POWDER DYNAMITE BOX?** How many of you or your loved ones ever worked at Apache Powder Co., now known as Apache Nitrogen Products? The plant, located in the hills west of St. David, has a fascinating and important history stretching back to the 1920s, and has continued to be a major employer in our area for nearly 100 years. Apache Nitrogen Products, Inc. (ANPI) is a sponsor for our annual Pioneer Days — look for them in the parade and on the football field prior to the fireworks for some extra fun. Three Apache Powder dynamite boxes will find homes with St. David Pioneer Days attendees on July 23: two to fireworks drawings ticket holders, and one more to the silent auction winner just prior to the fireworks. Join us on the football field, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Saturday, July 23.



**IF YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A DRAWING OR SILENT AUCTION ITEM TO HELP WITH PIONEER DAYS FIREWORKS, CALL WILDA, 520-720-9440, OR EMAIL [SAINTDAVIDHERITAGE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SAINTDAVIDHERITAGE@GMAIL.COM)**

## *(Trees and Water, Part 1 ....Continued from page 2)*

big. We all picked them and ate them." The growing mulberries replaced the cottonwoods as they aged, and he adds, "We preferred them for shade."

In the years since, mulberries and ash trees have replaced the cottonwoods, but the enjoyment and utility of the giant shade trees has remained a favorite for residents of St. David and the San Pedro Valley.

*Information and text for this article are taken from a history of St. David's trees and roadway prepared by Patricia Cooper of St. David, including an interview with Jim Mayberry. Watch for Part 2 in our next newsletter.*

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**FREE! - 2015 5<sup>th</sup> Edition St. David History Book**

The popular history of early St. David, *Mormon Pioneers of the San Pedro Valley - St. David, Arizona* is available **FREE with each \$50 in Heritage Quilt tickets, fireworks drawing tickets, membership and/or other contribution placed with the order form below.** As always, copies may also be ordered below for \$12; \$10 each for two or more.

**Fireworks Donations = Drawing Tickets + Fun**

Fireworks are fun AND expensive! Your donations make them possible, and our vendors and others have provided great prizes in exchange for your help. Tickets are available with the form below or at events. Drawing prizes will be awarded at the July 23 evening events, 6:00-9:00 p.m. on the football field, prior to the fireworks. Tickets: \$1 each; 12 for \$10; 25 for \$20. Keep one side and place the stubs in the prize bags of your choice that evening. If you order with this form, you can pick them up on the football field July 23.

**Save \$1 Per Plate at the Pioneer Day BBQ!** Current or new Heritage Society members will receive a \$1 per plate discount at the July 23 BBQ. Join or renew below, or at the BBQ. Membership donations fund our newsletters and allow other donations to directly fund our projects. Receive discounts or special offers at all our events.

**Fabulous Silent Auction Items - Airplane ride, Apache Powder Box, & Lots More...** A special addition to our evening Pioneer Days activities is the silent auction prior to the fireworks. Check it out! To donate an item, email us or call Wilda, 520-720-9440.

**ST. DAVID PIONEER DAYS 2016!** Together we can celebrate St. David Pioneer Days with Festivities and Fireworks, and help the St. David School District complete the rehabilitation of the 1938 Elementary building and Lansing Auditorium. Will you join us?

**YES! - I'd like to help in the following ways:**



\_\_\_\_ I'd like HERITAGE QUILT TICKETS\* (Quilt value \$1,500)  
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\_\_\_\_ I'm enclosing a Tax-Deductible Contribution\*  
(Specify amounts in the spaces provided):  
\_\_\_\_ 2016 PIONEER DAYS FIREWORKS! (Pick up your  
Drawing tickets July 23 @ the football field)  
\_\_\_\_ 1938 Building Fund \_\_\_\_ Histories / Monuments  
\_\_\_\_ St. David Trees Fund \_\_\_\_ Wherever Needed

\_\_\_\_ I'm making a tax-deductible ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP  
CONTRIBUTION\* (\$1 off per plate at Pioneer Day BBQ):  
\_\_\_\_ \$15 Individual \_\_\_\_ \$25 Couple \_\_\_\_ \$30 Family

\_\_\_\_ **\*MY CONTRIBUTIONS & QUILT TICKET ORDER**  
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**FREE St. David History book for each \$50.**

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\* Includes Historical Booklet  
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\_\_\_\_ 2015 New printing 5th edition of the St. David history book,  
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# ST. DAVID PIONEER DAYS

**JULY  
22-23**

**HISTORY - PARADE - GAMES - BBQ  
VENDORS - MUSIC - FIREWORKS**  
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## “OUR FAMILY STORIES” – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Events take place at St. David School unless noted otherwise -

### FRIDAY, JULY 22

**5:00-7:00 PM St. David History Demonstration: “Plowing with Oxen”** by Dr. Andy Mayberry. Meet at the empty lot at the SW corner of Hwy 80 & Miller Lane. Try your hand!

**7:15 PM “Dinosaurs in St. David”** — Clea Brown will share her recollections of a Smithsonian paleontology dig on her family property in the 1920s. It's a great family story! Lansing Auditorium, 1938 Elementary Building.

**GENEALOGY BOOK SALE** — Many books from the former Family History Center will be for sale in the 1938 Elementary Building **Friday evening and Saturday morning**. Find a treasure and support the Heritage Society's local history research facility.

### SATURDAY, JULY 23

**7:30-8:30 AM Pre-Parade Pancake Breakfast** by the school flagpole. Fundraiser for the St. David Basketball team. \$5 per person.

**9:00 AM Traditional Pioneer Day Parade**, N. Miller Lane  
Theme: “Our Family Stories.” **Road closes to vehicles at 8:45 AM.**

**9:30 AM-Noon Old-fashioned Games & More** on school grounds (Crawford Field). Bring a frog if you want!

**9:45 AM-11:30 AM “What's Your Family Story?”** What is your connection to St. David and the San Pedro Valley? Share a memory of why this place is special to you and your family. We're collecting the stories so they can be shared and enjoyed. Come and go, Lansing Auditorium.

**11:00-1:00 PM Traditional BBQ** in K-Hall. BBQ Beef, Beans, Cole Slaw, Tortilla, Chips & Salsa, Drinks, Dessert. \$7 Adult/\$5 under 12; \$1 discount per plate with Heritage Society membership

**2:30-5:30 PM Old Fashioned Family Foot Rodeo** at Post Arena, Milepost 296, Hwy 80, between St. David and Benson

**6:00-9:00 PM EVENING EVENTS** - at St. David High School's football field, Apache Nitrogen Stadium --

- **Food and Craft Vendors.** Support neighbors & local organizations
- **Visit and Picnic** on football field; bring your blankets and chairs
- **Music** under the stars
- **Fireworks Donation Prizes & Silent Auction**
- **Heritage Quilt Drawing (Value \$1,500)**
- **GRAND FINALE FIREWORKS!**



**Your Fireworks Donations & Drawings are Greatly Appreciated!**

*Special thanks to Apache Nitrogen Products, Arizona's G&T Cooperatives, St. David Volunteer Fire Department, R&R Pizza, St. David Schools, St. David Ward, Patton Ward, San Pedro Ward, vendors, and lots of volunteers. —St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society*

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- \*At Pioneer Days Events
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- \*St. David Water Office
- \*The Cowboy Way, Benson
- \*Call Wilda 520-720-9440
- \*Email [saintdavidheritage@gmail.com](mailto:saintdavidheritage@gmail.com)
- \*Order form: [www.SaintDavidHeritage.org](http://www.SaintDavidHeritage.org)

***Need Not be Present to Win***

**YES, WE WANT YOUR ENTRY IN THE PARADE!** Theme: “Our Family Stories”

For info, or to register, call Michele Judd, 520-720-4338 or send an email to:

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**VENDORS:** Contact Lynette Hatch by email at [lynette\\_hatch@yahoo.com](mailto:lynette_hatch@yahoo.com) (put “Vendor Fair” in the subject line), or call 520-668-8400.

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