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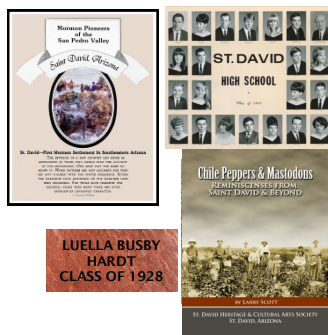
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EVENTS & NEWS



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Chile Peppers & Mastodons

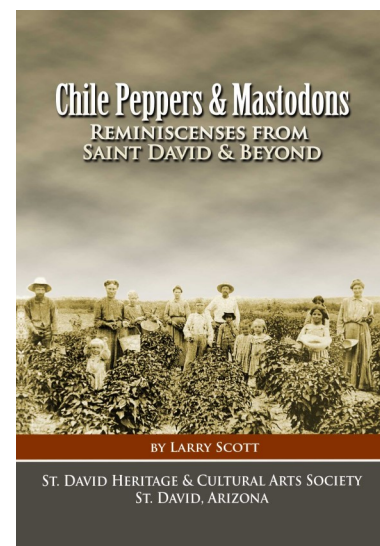
THURSDAY, NOV. 17, 7:00 PM, ST. DAVID SCHOOL

We think we know some stories about St. David and the San Pedro Valley that you probably haven't heard. And we think you'll enjoy a brand new book by local author, Larry Scott, entitled *Chile Peppers & Mastodons — Reminiscences From Saint David & Beyond*. The softcover 82-page volume is illustrated with period photos and is written in a fun and refreshing style.

We invite you to come meet the author, hear some of the stories, contribute your own recollections, and get a signed copy if you'd like. Larry Scott will be at the Lansing Auditorium, St. David Schools, on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Larry Scott is a great story collector and story teller. The St. David Heritage Society is pleased to partner with him in publishing this book. We feel strongly that the best way to capture the heritage of a community is to preserve the stories of its people.

In the book you will find twenty-mule teams, the U.S. Cavalry, railroads, a young girl's recollections of major fossil finds on her family's property, an amazing look at the (continued on page 2)



VOICES of Our VETERANS - Nov. 12

Patty Walmann, local resident and oral historian, was visiting recently in Washington, D.C., and became acquainted with the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project, providing a means for veterans to preserve their stories, papers, letters, and photos for future generations.

In the spirit of that project, and as a resource to our local families and researchers, we will host an event this Veteran's Day weekend designed to preserve the important stories of veterans here in the San Pedro Valley.

You may not think your story has importance, but to current and future generations your experiences may bring an awareness of the blessings of living in this nation that may come in no other way.

Our informal event will be an easy and fun way to share experiences, hear and appreciate the experiences of

A Special Gathering:

**VOICES
OF OUR
VETERANS**



SAT. NOVEMBER 12

**Calling All Veterans!
And Everyone!**

**1:00 PM, Lansing Auditorium
St. David School, Hwy 80, St. David**



- * Hear your neighbors
- * Share your stories
- * Oral historian, Patty Walmann, will make it easy and interesting

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largest employer in St. David for many decades, the Apache Powder Company. You'll meet Mr. Apache, Louis Towle, and a young drifter who applied for work in the boss' suit. And much more....

Larry stays true to the individual perspectives of those he has interviewed for this volume. We realize that you may have heard some of these accounts told in a slightly different way, or may have additional details or interpretations. At the book signing you'll have an opportunity to share as well as listen.

We hope that your reading will trigger your own memories and will encourage you to record or otherwise share them with others. Especially, we would love to collect your stories, or those passed on to you by others who have lived here through the years.

Who knows? Perhaps your stories will be shared in the next volume we publish...



Do you know the story behind this photo? It just might have something to do with digging for rare fossils in St. David nearly a century ago...and the rest of the story is in the new book, Chile Peppers & Mastodons.

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others, and learn more about the Library of Congress Veterans History Project.

If you or your family member is a veteran, or if you want to honor our veterans or teach your youth about the challenges of being a veteran, please join us on Saturday, November 12, at 1:00 p.m. in the Lansing Auditorium at St. David Schools.

Patty Walmann is a wonderful oral historian and will use her skills to make the process of sharing your stories easy and enjoyable.



Patch Curtis, pictured at left, was born and grew up in St. David. He was recently interviewed by oral historian Patty Walmann about his experiences as a veteran.

Please come share your stories as a vet or spouse or family member of a vet at our Nov. 12 "Voices of Our Veterans" event.

Thank you to all of our neighbors and family members who have served in the armed forces in the past or who serve presently.

St. David Pioneer Days Highlights: "Our Family Stories"

In keeping with the 2016 Pioneer Days theme, "Our Family Stories," we thank the many participants who told their stories in the parade and historical presentations. The event was rich with tradition and family fun.

Many thanks are due to the scores of volunteers, committee heads, church and school groups, and our sponsors and vendors. Especially appreciated is the support of Apache Nitrogen Products, Arizona G&T Cooperatives, R&R Pizza, the Cochise County Sheriff Assist Team, and the St. David Volunteer Fire Department.

Next year's Pioneer Days will be held July 21-22. Gather your family and friends — See you there!

Below: The Golden & Lavine Fenn Family portrayed family stories and a legacy of "Duty to God, Family, and Country"



Above: Jean Langi, daughter of Charles and Martha White, told the 75-year story of the White Family in St. David and their multi-generational homestead, "Paradise Ranch."

Right: The Orland Merrill Family celebrated being part of "Big O's" Team.



Above: The Esker Mayberry family float told the story of the first pecan trees planted in St. David.



Important Bits & Pieces...

GENEALOGY BOOKS OFFERED — We have too many books! 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 books we inherited from the former Family History Center and are not keeping may be just what you need for your own research, and these items are available for a modest donation. Send us an email with your locality interests and we will check our database to see if we may have something you would like. 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.

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ST. DAVID TREES & BEING THE LITTLE GREEN SPOT ON HWY 80 --

We all love that St. David is a unique place with enough water to sustain gardens, green fields, and large trees. Maintaining that heritage in the long run is more complicated than we would like. An informal St. David Trees committee has been collecting historical and other information with the intent of helping to inform the community about challenges related to preserving the rural nature and beauty of St. David, including strengthening and preserving our historic irrigation system, without which the trees would not grow. Landowner

rights with respect to highway rights-of-way are important to understand, as well as current water litigation and county, state, and federal projects that may impact greatly the nature of our community. We don't know all the answers, but are hopeful that with good information and community input, answers will come. If you are interested in helping the trees committee with research and planning, please contact Carmen Miller at arbor_solutions@yahoo.com.

DO YOU HAVE SKILLS AND A LITTLE TIME? The interior of St. David Schools' 1938 Elementary Building is looking so much better with the painting and patching done in the past few months. There is more to do that can be done by willing hands, and if you have skills or a desire to help, we'd love to hear from you. Painting and fairly simple seat repairs in the auditorium are next on the list....if you would like to donate some talents or time, contact Michele by email at mjudd@stdavid.org.

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS -- Learn some local history and help with a variety of historical and cultural projects. We've been meeting the first Monday of the month, 3:00-4:30 p.m., at the 1938 Building at St. David School. If you would like an email reminder, email us at saintdavidheritage@gmail.com. We'd love to have you join with us and even share some of your historical findings.

Francis Louise Darnell Goodman

Our dear founding board member, Frances Goodman, will be sorely missed in St. David and beyond. She was an example of selfless hard work and service, and an inspiration to all.

Frances worked tirelessly to maintain a contact list for alumni and friends of St. David, and is well known for generously spending her time to relay obituaries and other information to all of us. It is fitting that we publish her obituary in this issue.

Frances Louise Darnell Goodman was born in Fairbank, AZ on October 14, 1930 and passed away suddenly at her home in St David, AZ on September 28, 2016. Frances was the second of five children born to Katherine and Clarence Darnell. She graduated from St. David High School in 1947 as valedictorian. That same year she married her sweetheart, Bert Alma Goodman, following his military service. She earned a BA and MA from the University of Arizona and was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa and the Arizona School Retirees Association. She was a revered first grade teacher, serving in the St. David School District for 28 years. She retired in 2000.



Frances is known and loved for her consistent service as a mother, grandmother, educator, friend, and caregiver. She never met a stranger! Her quick smile and contagious laughter endeared her to many. Family, friends and pulling weeds were her first priorities. Frances enjoyed being frugal and had ingenious ways of constructing and repairing just about anything. She loved to teach and help others, especially children.

Bert & Frances had 5 children: Linda (Art) Eagar of Eagar, AZ; Cinda (Kent) Winterton of Gilbert, AZ; Diann (Chad) Brown of Payson, UT; Bert (Arleen) Goodman of Mesa, AZ; and Mike (Hollie) Goodman of St David, AZ. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bert A; her son, Bert M; and son-in-law, Derryl Allred. She is survived by brothers Robert Darnell of Tyrone, NM and Norman (Judy) Darnell of Peoria, AZ.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Watch our website and Facebook page for more details.

SAT. NOV. 12 -- Voices of Our Veterans, 1:00 p.m., Lansing Auditorium, St. David School. Hear and share stories of our local vets. No charge; donations appreciated.

THURS. NOV. 17 -- Chile Peppers & Mastodons, 7:00 p.m., Lansing Auditorium, St. David School. Meet author Larry Scott; hear and share stories; book signing. No charge. Books available for sale for the first time.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11 -- Community Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m., LDS Stake Center, Pomerene Rd. north of I-10. This annual nondenominational musical celebration features choir members and soloists from the entire San Pedro Valley. No charge.

SAT. JANUARY 28 -- Broadway & Beyond!, with two shows at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m., Lansing Auditorium, St. David School. Enjoy a mixture of music, dance, and theater. Features outstanding guest artists and student performers from our area. \$5 Adults, \$2 Students up to 18.

SAT. MARCH 4 -- 1880s Historic Military Ball, 6:30-10:00 p.m., K-Hall, St. David School. Authentic 19th Century music, clear dance instruction, historic flags, period dress and refreshments all come together for a truly unforgettable experience. Live music by the 4th Cavalry Regimental Band of Ft. Lowell, Arizona Territory; dance prompter, Jessica Lacy. \$10 per person; free for St. David Heritage Society members.

FRI.-SAT. JULY 21-22 -- St. David Pioneer Days

Plan now to celebrate our history with friends and family. History, parade, games, BBQ, foot rodeo, vendors, fireworks. Watch for more information. If you or your church or organization would like to help, let us know!

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