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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.

EVENTS & NEWS

APRIL-MAY 2022



We're Saving Your Seat!
JOIN US APRIL 30
5:00 OR 7:30 PM

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BROADWAY & BEYOND! - A Musical Theatre Showcase - April 30 - Two Shows!

Do you love live music and dance? Broadway shows, movie scores, and more? There's nothing better than a live performance, a chance to attend with your neighbors, and the opportunity to watch and hear some amazing performances from students and adults from our very own community.

Join us Saturday, April 30, for a wonderful, feel-good show! You'll be well entertained, show support for our performers, and make a small but important contribution to student scholarships and the auditorium upgrades.

The event will be held in the historic Lansing Auditorium in the 1938 red brick building on

the St. David School campus, known for its fine acoustics.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, or ahead (in the school office, from the St. David PTO, or online at www.SaintDavidHeritage.org). Tickets are good for either show, 5:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. Please be seated prior to show time.

Adults \$5; Youth \$2 ; VIP seating \$10. Heritage Society member discount - \$1 off each ticket. (*Memberships available at the door.*)

2022 Signature Sponsor is The Rose Petal Foundation. Supporting Sponsor is AZG&T Co-op. Event partners are St. David Schools, St. David PTO, and St. David Heritage Society.

St. David Historical Collections

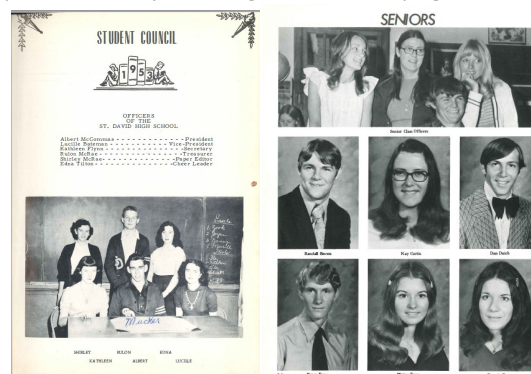
The St. David Heritage Society has a large collection of local family histories, school yearbooks, newspaper items, photographs, history and genealogy books, and more. From time to time we receive inquiries about someone's ancestors who once lived in the area, and we do our best to help answer questions.

In a month or two, our newly designed website will provide increased opportunities to access the many records we have that have been digitized into a searchable PDF format.

We also intend to make it possible for those visiting the website to submit stories and photos and text documents which can be added to our collections for the benefit of others.

A popular part of our collections includes school yearbooks and alumni photos. Perhaps you have access to some of those that are missing from our collection. If so, we can scan and return them to you along with a digital copy.

Will you help us find missing yearbooks or class photos? Keep reading on the next page!



Hunting for Missing Yearbooks!

One of our Heritage Society board members, Greg Sherman, has done an amazing job scanning our historical collections.

Our earliest St. David High School yearbook is the 1935 edition, and we have 45 of the yearbooks published since then in the collection.

Do you have access to a missing yearbook, or an alumni photo from a missing year?

If so, please contact Greg at 520-975-9439 or gsherman55@gmail.com. We'd love to scan and return items to you, along with a high quality digital copy.

Missing St. David High School Yearbooks:

1937	1969-1970
1939	1972-1973
1942-1952	1975-1981
1955-1964	2011-2012
1966	2016

Imagination Initiative Grant & Signature Sponsor



The Rose Petal Foundation is the signature sponsor for the April 30 *Broadway & Beyond! Musical Theatre Showcase* production. The St. David Heritage Society is grateful to have been awarded this year's Imagination Initiative grant, designed to ignite imagination and inspire creativity.

Lynn Rae and Buck Lowe established the Rose Petal Foundation to foster community creativity by providing for the creative arts and for creative solutions to societal challenges, keeping imagination alive and enabling individual spiritual self-realization. The Imagination Initiative enables recipients to create a better future for themselves, their families, and their communities. Past recipients have included the Jewish Community Theater of Tucson and Arts Express.

Lynn Rae Lowe lives in Tucson and is an international artist, celebrant, and inspirational speaker who believes every person can change their lives and impact their community through the power of their own imagination. We are grateful for her interest in our community, our students, and our historic auditorium.

THANK YOU to The Rose Petal Foundation!

2022 Heritage Quilt It Could Be Yours!

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

- **NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN** -

FOR TICKETS:

StDavidPioneerDays.com
OR ORDER FORM ON PAGE 4

Special Offer: FREE Quilt ticket with new or renewed membership. See page 4 to learn how to receive a **FREE St. David history book** with your Heritage Quilt ticket order, membership, and other contributions.



LOOKING AHEAD: ST. DAVID PIONEER DAYS JULY 22-23, 2022

Events will include the traditional parade, games, pioneer activities, BBQ Beef luncheon, evening vendors, Heritage Quilt drawing, and Grand Finale Fireworks. **NEW!** - Pioneer Days Art Show, farm tours, and more! Most events are held at St. David Schools.

While the full schedule is still being finalized, we'd like you to be aware of the following opportunities for you, your family, your organization, or your business to participate.

CALL TO ARTISTS! The Gallery of Dreams, located in St. David, is partnering with the St. David Heritage Society to sponsor our first Pioneer Days Art Show. This juried show will be open to artists of all mediums and age groups. Details for entries will be available soon. Would you like to receive more information about entering the show? Email us at saintdavidheritage@gmail.com.

CALL FOR VENDORS! The Saturday evening Pioneer Day events (5:00-9:00 pm) will be held on the St. David High School football field and are enjoyed by hundreds as they await the prize drawings and fireworks. Food, craft, and other vendors are wanted. Booth space is \$10 plus a drawing item worth at least \$10. For information, contact Alli Daley at daleyallison7@gmail.com.

CALL FOR PARADE ENTRIES! The parade is begins at 9:00 a.m., July 23, on North Miller Lane and proceeds to the school parking lot. Entrants can be individuals, families, churches, businesses and more — on foot, equestrian, or vehicle. For info or an entry form, email saintdavidheritage@gmail.com.

CALL FOR SPONSORS, DONORS, DRAWING ITEMS!

Contact us at saintdavidheritage@gmail.com if you would like to donate a Fireworks Drawing item or become an event sponsor. Use the form on page 4 to make a donation or purchase Heritage Quilt tickets, qualify for free books, and more. Proceeds support St. David Schools' historic auditorium and classroom rehabilitation project and provide funds for student scholarships.

LOCAL FARM & BUSINESS TOUR PARTNERS! We plan to showcase our rural lifestyle during Pioneer Days. If you would like more information on how we can highlight your farm or small business, please contact us at saintdavidheritage@gmail.com.

An Especially Easy Way to Help

One of the easiest ways you can assist with the projects and events of the St. David Heritage Society is to **do your online Amazon shopping by going to: Smile.Amazon.com**

We hope you will designate St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society to receive the donations. **Thank you!**

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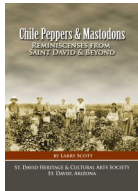
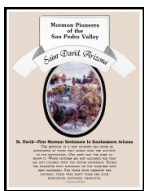


St. David's Iconic Trees

As you drive into St. David from Benson, the large trees along the south side of Highway 80 can't be missed. It's common that visitors remember our community by those trees and the green fields that make St. David a unique oasis in the desert landscape. For decades, the trees benefited regularly from the irrigation water that flowed to various farms along the canal route. Fewer farms in the area, and a subsequent decrease in irrigation flow, has taken a toll on the trees in more recent times. A few years ago we entered into a partnership with the St. David Irrigation District to provide additional "ditch water" to the trees as needed, and started a St. David Trees Fund. Donations have made it possible to provide extra water to the trees; in 2021, we spent \$1,203.50 for irrigation costs. Your continued donations are greatly appreciated and can be made with the form on page 4. Thank You!

Popular St. David History Books

These books are always available for order online and at all our events: Larry Scott's *Chile Peppers & Mastodons* and the 2021 6th edition of the early history, *Mormon Pioneers of the San Pedro Valley—St. David, Arizona*, with updated info and photos.



See form on page 4 to order, and see how you can qualify for a **FREE Mormon Pioneers or Chile Peppers & Mastodons** book!

Annual Meeting Report

The St. David Heritage & Cultural Arts Society held its 2022 Annual Meeting on February 28th in the Historic Mary P. Lansing Auditorium at St. David Schools. Following are some highlights from the meeting:

- Thanks were expressed to retiring board members, Marjorie Dixon and Patty Walmann. Marjorie had served the organization for 20 years, since its inception. She and her husband, Jerry, have been instrumental in many technical aspects of the rehabilitation of the 1938 Elementary Building with its classrooms and auditorium. Patty Walmann served faithfully as treasurer for the last few years and will be remembered especially for her contributions to collecting local oral histories. She and her husband have relocated to Tucson but will remain members of the Society.
- Marvin Busby and Terisha McKeighen were newly elected to serve on the board of directors. Both are long-time members and volunteers. Continuing to serve on the Heritage Society board are Sue Kartchner (president), Barbie Grapp (vice president), Jean Langi (secretary/treasurer), Ron Higginbotham, Sherrie Caldwell, Wilda Dillman, Greg Sherman, Larry Scott, Brian McKeighen, and Gay Anderson. Thanks to all the many volunteers and members who help in a wide variety of ways.
- An update was presented on the status of the Lansing Auditorium upgrades. Braden Davis has made key connections with sound and lighting suppliers, engineers, and installers, and expects that the sound installation should be complete in early fall this year, in spite of significant supply chain issues. Painting the auditorium is then next on the agenda, with the addition of new historical murals.
- Scholarships will once again be awarded this May to one or more St. David high school seniors who have assisted with Heritage Society projects.
- Wendi Farr, nonprofit consultant, led us in a discussion of our goals and projects, with an eye to engaging more members, partner organizations, and businesses to benefit all.
- Discussion took place regarding our large collection of local histories, photos, school yearbooks, and more. Some are in print, and many are now digitized as searchable PDF documents. A new website is under development with an eye to making it easier for people to research collections and contribute stories, photos, and histories.
- Committee members are being sought for historical collections, events, volunteer efforts, communications, and more.

Monthly Heritage Society meetings are held in person and by Zoom. If you would like to receive meeting notifications, please let us know at saintdavidheritage@gmail.com. We would love to have your input and your talents!

VISIT US ONLINE & SHARE LINKS!

- **Event Information & Tickets**
- **Membership Discounts**
- **Heritage Quilt Tickets**
- **Historical Collections**



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Projects of SDHCAS include:

St. David Trees	History Publications & Lectures	Broadway & Beyond!
1938 Building Rehabilitation	Archiving Local History	St. David Fort Monument
Bell Monument & Bricks	1880s Historic Military Ball	Heritage Museum Room
St. David Pioneer Days	Alumni Class Photos	

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If you know of others who live outside of St. David who would enjoy receiving the newsletter, please forward it to them, or send us their email address.

We will use your email address for Heritage Society business only and will not share it with others.

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New or Renewed Memberships = FREE Heritage Quilt Ticket! Additionally, all St. David Heritage Society members will receive a **\$1 per plate discount at the July 23 BBQ**. Join or renew below, on our website, or at events. **MEMBER BENEFITS** include discounts at all events and premium access to our website content.

FREE! - Your choice of popular Heritage books **FREE** with each \$50 in Heritage Quilt tickets, fireworks drawing tickets, membership and/or other contribution placed with the order form below. Mark your choice on the form below. As always, copies may also be ordered for \$10 each, below or online.

Fireworks Donations = Drawing Tickets + Fun Prizes

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 the Pioneer Days events. Drawing prizes will be awarded at the July 23 evening events, 5:00-9:00 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 up your tickets on the football field July 23.

Silent Auction and Fireworks Donation Items -- We are grateful to local businesses and individuals who have provided significant prizes in support of Pioneer Days. To donate an item, email Trish at belenusfarms@gmail.com or call 480-678-0253. Thank you!

ST. DAVID PIONEER DAYS 2022! Together we will celebrate St. David Pioneer Days with great Family Fun and Fireworks, continuing a long tradition of strengthening our community. Will you join us?

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



____ **HERITAGE QUILT TICKETS*** (Quilt value \$1,500)
____ 1 for \$5 ____ 3 for \$10 ____ 7 for \$20
____ 20 for \$50 ____ Other (Need not be present to win)

____ **2022 PIONEER DAYS FIREWORKS DRAWINGS!***
(Pick up your tickets July 23 @ football field)

____ I'm making a tax-deductible **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION*** (\$1 off per plate at Pioneer Day BBQ):

____ \$15 Individual ____ \$25 Couple ____ \$30 Family

____ I'm enclosing a **Tax-Deductible Contribution***
(Specify amounts in the spaces provided):

____ 1938 Building Fund ____ Pioneer Days / Events

____ St. David Trees Fund ____ Scholarship Fund

____ ***MY CONTRIBUTIONS & TICKETS ORDER at left**
total \$50 or more. For each \$50, please
send a **FREE book** (choose here):
____ *Chili Peppers & Mastodons*
____ *Mormon Pioneers of the San Pedro Valley*

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Mormon Pioneers of the San Pedro Valley—St. David, Arizona
2021 6th Edition, early St. David history, 30 pages, over 60 photos

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Chili Peppers & Mastodons—Reminiscences from Saint David and Beyond, by Larry Scott; narrative collection w/ photos, 78 pages

____ copies (\$10 each)

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ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

TICKETS \$ _____ MEMBERSHIPS / CONTRIBUTIONS \$ _____ BOOKS \$ _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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