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60th annual juried fine arts show



Hours & Tours

SAHUARO RANCH GUEST HOUSE GAHS Office ~ 10 am to 1 pm Mon-Tue-Thur-Fri

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Join us in celebrating our 60 years of sharing fine art with Arizona residents and visitors worldwide. The first show was held in Murphy Park with the art works hung on clothesline. We were finally able to find a home at beautiful Sahuaro Ranch Park in the historic Fruit Packing Shed located at the intersection of Mountain View Road and 59th Avenue.

The free show will be held in January 2024. A special Preview Party will be held from 7 to 9 p.m on January 5th. For a \$ 25 donation, you can enjoy a wonderful evening visiting with artists, friends, and city officials, purchasing artwork and enjoying appetizers and wine.

All entries will be exhibited on January 6th and 7th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The juried pieces will be on display the same hours January 9th through the 27th. Visitors will have an opportunity to buy original art. 25%

of each sale is donated to the arts council for the purpose of supporting scholarships, grants, and special art experiences throughout our community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Upcoming Events

Monday, January 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Manistee Ranch. Potluck. Election and installation of officers. Please bring a dish to share.

Monday, February 26, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Manistee Ranch. "Accessing the History of Glendale," Library/Archive team of GAHS.

Eva Allen's beauty salon



Hair styles revolve every 20 years. Each new generation thinks the current styles are unique, but they are just variations of previous styles. Eve Allen relayed that to Jerry Abbitt who interviewed her in 1990 for a GAHS oral history. Eva Allen opened the first licensed haircutting business in Glendale when she graduated from beauty school in 1950.

The business was a success from the start. Her first stop was in the back of Mr. Thomas's Eagle Barbershop at what would now be 6837 N. 58th Drive.

The beauty-shop space cost \$225. She worked diligently along side another operator. In those days, a haircut was \$1, and a permanent was no more \$7.50. Many women tinted their hair, but it was a closely guarded secret.

Outgrowing that location, Eva moved into a front space inside the Glen Theatre building and increased her staff to five more operators. In 1959, 8 ½ years had passed quickly and demands for her services made it a good time to build her own shop. Her relationship with a city employee caused a bit of a stir.

The city had decided all new buildings should have a Spanish façade with a 20 foot parking area in front of the shop. To Eva, that was a suggestion, not a law. She did not want the liability of a customer getting hit by a car and being sued.

The building inspector was dismayed with the idea that a woman was the first one to defy him. Her building was constructed at 7017 N. 57th Avenue by Howard White, a local contractor. She put in refrigeration, because a water cooler would have scummed the hair. She was chagrined to have to pay a \$15 pollution tax because hair spray was used.

For 30 years, 12 "girls" worked in the shop. As they retired, Eva did not replace them. They were family! The last two worked 17 and 22 years before retiring. Eva also had a thriving business selling Vivian Woodward cosmetics in the shop.

As Eva considered retiring herself, the new courthouse was built across Glendale Avenue. That made the property more desirable. She had several robberies and some damage, and she hoped that would lessen with the police nearby. Eva Allen had been in business in Glendale for 41 years. She donated her heat permanent machine that she never used to GAHS. She was afraid that she might burn someone. It is in the Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch Park.

Little did Eva know that Anthony Hester was looking for a location for Antwon's Salon. His English mother called him Antwon, and he had been raised a few blocks from that location. Anthony's family had a long history in hair dressing.

His father owned several beauty salons, his mother was a beautician, and Anthony and his brother were also working in that field. Anthony had graduated from barber college at the age of 18. Two of Eva's operators were mothers of his friends. His dad would drop by to visit with Eva from time to time. One fateful day, Antony's father introduced Eva to him.

Eva had been working by herself for two years when she and Anthony saw an opportunity for the shop to pass to a new owner. On November 1, 1995, Anthony put \$10,000

down, which was exactly what he had in his savings. She carried his loan herself with a modest interest.

Anthony found Eva to be a woman of her word and always kept a cool head. For 58 days, Anthony, David Giblin, and Eva worked side by side to renovate the well-constructed building. Eva had



great strength and ability. Several clients from Anthony's previous shop pitched in to help. They upgraded the plumbing and installed equipment.

They left the porcelain and cast iron sinks that are in use today but replaced the chairs and dryers. For 6 months, Anthony, David, and Eva worked alone in the salon. Within 15 years, Antwon's Salon had 9 stations, 3 nail techs and massage therapists. His mother worked for many years with him. After 10 years, Eva was down to only two clients.

Anthony needed to keep the stations rented so he offered to share his with Eva. She could come in the morning and use his station at no cost. He would come in later. She had a hard time accepting that solution and permanently retired, having been in the beauty business for 45 years.

Anthony remodeled Antwon's three years ago. He has four active stations with four innovative, creative beauticians. This is his 44th year in a profession that regularly sees hair styles change and requires frequent adaptations. Antwon's Salon has a rich history in Glendale.

Glendale saves 1896 irrigation ditch



The City of Glendale Public Works Department recently installed a sidewalk adjacent to the Myrtle Avenue Historic District listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house in the photo is Henry and Catherine Lehman's brick house. They are credited with digging the adjacent irrigation ditch from Lateral 18 for their farm. The irrigation ditch is an essential part of the historical district.

The engineers and contractor did an excellent job in saving the historic irrigation ditch, which still runs with water today. The sidewalk is beautiful and provides a much needed safety and convenience for pedestrians. December 2016 Reprint.

Outdated ordinances provide look into past era

Reading through past city of Glendale ordinances, it's interesting to observe that many of them were very practical and logical, and they still exist in modified form, even today. However, some are plain fun to read, 123 years later.

In the year of 1910, ("Establishing the Town of Glendale, August 1, 1910" meeting minutes), Mayor A.W. Bennet and Councilmen J. Marks, C.C. Gillet, J.H. Tuckey, and JD. Garby met to review and vote on the town ordinances.

One of the proposed ordinances was to close all dry goods and merchandise stores on Sunday. This ordinance went to a vote and lost. However, prohibiting the sale of fireworks passed. Perhaps some Glendale residents would like to see this one reinstated come the 4th of July neighborhood fireworks!

The following ordinances were listed as misdemeanors. Article 5, number 8, stated that it was a misdemeanor to keep a disorderly or noisy house.

How disorderly, or how noisy, wasn't explained.

It was also a misdemeanor, number 11, to leave any horse of mule standing on any street without securely hitching it to a substantial post. This seems to make common sense, so your livestock wasn't having the run of the town.

Further, riding or driving any animal through the streets at a rate of speed exceeding 8 miles per hour, article number 15, was a misdemeanor, too. It's unclear how town folk knew how fast you were riding. Cars weren't much faster, though, as article number 20 stated that cars could only go 10 miles per hour. One more ordinance of interest was number 7, which prohibited gambling. We can see that with the addition of casinos in the West Valley, this prohibition definitely went out of vogue. It will be interesting to see what ordinances Glendale citizens of the future consider to be odd or outdated, but it does help inform us about the culture and history during that time period.

President's Message



This past year has been quite an adventure for me personally and as your President. As I've shared before, our Board of Directors has had to confront some continued financial challenges head on. That being said, we have sought out new ways to generate revenues to cover

operating costs. One of the biggest tools we now have is the use of Zelle. Not many people use checks or

carry cash any more so, the ability to accept payments electronically will be significant for us.

As I have shared in recent months, this is my last President's Message. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve this organization. It has been wonderful helping lead the GAHS into the next 50 years!

Stepping down from the presidency does not mean that I am stepping down from the society. I will continue to volunteer when and where I can and support the mission of preserving and sharing the wonderful history of Glendale. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you.

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