



New THS President's Aim: A Bigger Role In Sharing Tempe's History With Community



CHATTING at Tempe's historic Hackett House before the opening night patrons' dinner for last March's first annual Hayden's Ferry Days were (from left) Victor Linoff, and Richard Bauer. As of July 1, Victor officially became the new president, and Richard the immediate past president, of Tempe Historical Society's Board of Directors which will soon begin planning for the 2nd annual Hayden's Ferry Days. (More photos, pages 2-3)

Storytellers Take The 'Stage' For THS Lunch Talks Series

There are storytellers in all walks of life. They entertain us, educate us, remind us, sometimes make us laugh, sometimes make us sad - sometimes mad, bring back memories for us and almost always make us think.

Some of those storytellers from various walks of life in Arizona will be bringing their stories to Tempe History Museum as part of Tempe Historical Society's 2016-17 Lunch Talks series beginning on October 12.

Among them will be a famous architect, Arizona's famed official state historian, two members of a Storytelling institute - one of whom entertains with myths and legends, an author who writes about the desert Southwest's settlers and a Phoenix third-generation Japanese-American.

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Mark Vinson



Marshall Trimble

"More" might be the motto for Tempe Historical Society as it begins its 47th year under new leader, Victor Linoff

Vic took over the reins on July 1, and says he "is honored to be elected its next president." Linoff, whose onetime Those Were The Days shop at 516 South Mill Avenue Mill Avenue was the place to go if you were looking for quirky old books or unique antiques, said he plans to build on the accomplishments of Richard Bauer, the Society's past president.

Bauer "led the Society into the 21st Century with a new website, Facebook page and improved communication with its membership," Linoff said. He plans "to continue to strengthen our relationships with our members and the Tempe History Museum.

"In the upcoming year, you'll find the Society taking on a bigger role in sharing Tempe's history with the community. . . Have you been looking for someone to talk about Tempe's history to a group? This year we are offering Society history experts to speak to groups and organizations. Just ask. We are always delighted to introduce audiences to Tempe's many stories."

The new president added, "Starting in October we will inaugurate a new and improved Lunch Talk series with some of Arizona's best storytellers presenting fascinating glimpses of our past. In spring 2017, the second annual Hayden's Ferry Days festival will be expanded and even more exciting. More programs and activities for our membership are also being planned."

Linoff, who came to Arizona from Minnesota in the 1960s, has been associated with the Society and the Museum dating back to 1973. He twice chaired the Historical Museum Advisory Board, works closely with Tempe Historic Preservation Office, is a past president of both Mesa History Museum and Arizona Museum of Natural History. His "Those Were the Days!" business, is now "mostly online" and is located in Mesa where he also is active in historic preservation. The new THS president, who was actively involved in getting the light-rail line created, was Tempe Chamber of Commerce's "Spirit of Tempe" award recipient in 2013

Richard Bauer, who was Tempe Museum's Curator of Archives and Photographs, remains on the Historical Society's Board as Past President.

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Storytellers Are Coming To Lunch

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Launching the Society's new year of second Wednesdays of the month Lunch Talk series in October and November, respectively, will be architect Mark Vinson, honored many times over for his work in historic preservation, and the much-revered dean of Arizona historians" - Marshall Trimble. Free to the public, the Lunch Talks begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at Tempe History Museum, 809 East Southern Avenue in the City's Community Complex at Rural Road and Southern Avenue.

This year the Society is pleased to announce that the series will have a special sponsor - the Friendship Village retirement community located on Southern Avenue in east Tempe, said the Historical Society's special events planner Mary Ann Kwilosz.



Light refreshments, coffee and water are offered at no charge at all of the Lunch Talks, but guests are welcome to bring their own sack lunches if they wish. After the October/November opening initial events, the series takes a break for the December holiday season, but returns for monthly sessions January through April.

Opening speaker **Mark Vinson** is a native of the Clifton-Morenci mining area but Tempe acquired him when he came to Arizona State University where he earned architecture degrees. He stayed to become Tempe's first historic preservation officer, then for many years its City Architect, and a faculty associate in his alma mater's Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. He is co-author of the *Arizona Highways* book, "*Landmark Buildings: Arizona's Architectural Heritage.*" Vinson has earned, among many other honors, the American Institute of Architects prestigious Fellowship Medal for outstanding contributions to architecture, the Governor's Award for Historic Preservation and the Arizona Preservation Foundation President's Award for his work.

Marshall Trimble is so familiar to most Arizonans, he hardly needs an introduction. A native of the Tempe-Mesa area (he was born, he has said, on a farm sort of in-between those two communities, but closer to Tempe), he is acclaimed as

You're Invited To A Party

Tempe Historical Society Board's membership events planner Mary Ann Kwilosz is cooking up another get-together for the Society's members (and prospective members, too).

Light refreshments, drawings for prizes, a welcome and briefing on the year ahead from new Society Board President Victor Linoff are on the agenda for the Sunday, October 9, social. It will be happening in the Tempe History Museum Community Room, 2 to 4 p.m.

Members who have renewed their memberships will be getting their member reward gifts at the event. So will new members who sign up at the social.

Society memberships help support preservation of Tempe's history and the Tempe History Museum in various ways - among them support for oral and veterans history projects, museum acquisitions, Petersen House needs and exhibit opening receptions.

Memberships are \$25 for supporters, \$50 for sustaining members, \$100 for patrons \$250 for benefactors. There also are Legacy Life memberships at \$500 for Individuals, \$750 for couples. With some come special perks like socials and Museum store discounts.

Arizona's Official Historian. But he is also an ex-Marine, a cowboy singer/guitar strummer, an author, a storyteller, a humorist and is also recognized by many as Arizona's good will ambassador. In 2002, the U.S. Library of Congress listed him as an Arizona Local Legacy.

But perhaps first and foremost, Trimble was creator and longtime Scottsdale high school and community college teacher, of the state's first comprehensive classes on Arizona and Southwest history.

Trimble was the well-received speaker for the Patrons & Sponsors dinner at Tempe Sister Cities Hackett House which kicked off the Historical Society-initiated First Annual Hayden's Ferry Days this past March.

Coming up after the holidays as "Lunch Talk" speakers will be: **January 11, Kathryn Nakagawa**, third generation Japanese American, telling stories of the Japanese immigrants experiences as they established roots in Arizona; **February 8, Liz Warren** will talk about the "ever-present railroads" in her Arizona grandmother's life in a small Arizona town; **March 8, author Jan Cleere** will relate stories of "Arizona Women Who Made History"; and winding up the series on **April 12, Dr. Beverly Poellitz** of South Mountain Community College's Storytelling Institute will give Lunch Talk guests tales of the legendary "Buffalo Soliders of the American Southwest."

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2017

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Meet Your THS Board For 2016-17

Mishler, Devine and Bryant Join Linoff, Bauer As Officers



MISHLER



DEVINE



BRYANT

New Tempe Historical Society President **Victor Linoff** and Past President **Richard Bauer** (see story Page1) are joined by **Larry Mishler** as new vice-president, **Ray Devine** as continuing treasurer, **Peggy Bryant** as continuing secretary as officers for the 2016-17 Society year. Ray and Larry assisted in getting the Society's web site up and going; Peggy and Larry have been producers of its newsletters.

Larry begins his fifth year as a board member, Ray and Peggy their fourth. All three are members of Kiwanis Club of Tempe Nuevo, Larry and Ray are past presidents. That club's Classic Car Show at Kiwanis Park was part of this year's First Annual Hayden's Ferry Days celebration inaugurated by Tempe Historical Society.

Longtime Valley photographer, **LARRY MISHLER** has lived in the East Valley since he was nine years old, coming to Mesa with his family in 1949 from Kansas. He grew up in the photography business as a boy working in his father Russell's downtown Mesa "Mishler Camera Supply" shop. Larry furthered his photographic skills while an ASU student and *State Press* photographer and added skills of a printer to his resume by working parttime at the Connolly-owned *Tempe Daily News* while earning a master's in counseling education. He later shared a Tempe studio with another TDN photographer, Larry McGrath.

Then followed 30 years with Tempe Elementary School District, initially as a counselor but soon becoming director of its new Media Services putting both photography and printshop knowledge to work. Even then, Larry continued to take photos for TDN on the side. Now in "sort-of" retirement, he's still snapping photos. His work appears in Historical Society newsletters, on the Internet and in many other places. Married to Barbara, he is father to two daughters and stepfather to two more.

Miami Beach, Florida native **RAY DEVINE**, a Tempe resident for 25 of his more than 30 years in Arizona, is a longtime history buff who helped compile the history of Tempe's Victory Acres area and served on Tempe's Museum Advisory Board. He grew up in Las Vegas, earning two bachelor degrees at the UofNevada there.

In the software development field for 35-plus years, 24 with JDA Software, Scottsdale, Ray just started a new job as a state Department of Child Safety project manager. It's a good fit for Ray, who with wife Karen is a parent to four daughters, grandparent to three children. He's been a champion of kids in many ways - longtime Girl Scout volunteer/cookie cupboard manager and Boy Scout leader; member of Tempe Elementary School District's finance, bell-time and facilities committees, on Thew and Connolly schools site-based committees, and Tempe Union High School District's boundary committee.

Ray also served on the City's Apache Boulevard Redevelopment committee. Prior to his JDA employment, he owned his own Delta Information Systems Consultant business.

Texas native **PEGGY BRYANT'S** love of Southwest history was whetted when her family moved in 1942 from New Mexico to Arizona's historic Fort Grant where some of its Cavalry Post housing still stood (and they lived in one!). After two years at Bonita country school and graduation from Safford High School, she started journalism studies at Mary Hardin-Baylor in Texas. Transferring to ASC/Tempe as a sophomore, she worked parttime at its News Bureau and was a *State Press* editor.

Peggy began her nearly 40 years in the newspaper business as women's page editor at *Mesa Daily Tribune* just down the street from the Mishler photo shop. She was editor of *Chandler Arizonan* and the *Eloy Enterprise*; served in various positions from reporter to managing editor in 22 years at *Tempe Daily News* where her late husband "Skip" Bryant was sports editor. Another 10 were spent at *East Valley Tribune*, Tempe edition, as "Ferry Tales" columnist and feature writer. She retired after 10 years as Tempe Elementary School District community relations person. She is mother to Tim and Holly and grandmother to three granddaughters, one grandson.

History-Loving Members Bring Varied Talents To Board

Mary Ann Kwilosz, a Chicago native and Tempe resident for 30-plus years, has served on the Tempe Historical Society Board for a record more than 35 years under the leadership of four different directors. She has been an assistant buyer for the Society's gift shop at the Tempe History Museum and served on a variety of committees - but her special forte is in planning, organizing and facilitating the Society's membership events and other special functions. The Illinois State University graduate had previously served for six years on the Tempe Museum Advisory Board. As a Museum volunteer and Society member she has been involved in a wide range of Museum projects - among them Petersen House activities, collections and accessions, research, planning, fund raising and programs. She polished her events planning skills as a partner in a company that organized and facilitated functions throughout the Phoenix area and then as a City of Tempe employee for more than seven years. A former teacher in public and parochial schools in Illinois and the Valley, Mary Ann is active in several organizations and her church. Her son and daughter attended Tempe schools and Arizona universities.

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Meet Your THS Board . . . (Continued from Page 3)

Woody Wilson - The Sound of Music Is History For Him

A Parkersburg, West Virginian who came to Arizona via San Francisco to work for the Phoenix Gazette, has been on the Board of THS for six years. Take a cartoon strip, a musical venture or two, a neighborly gesture, a “re-born house” and you have an inkling of what a versatile fellow he is. Woody chaired the committee planning the Historical Society-initiated First Annual Hayden's Ferry Days in March. He also was directly responsible for bringing top musicians to that event. (He created The Lakeshore Music concerts at Tempe Center for the Arts, as well as an ongoing cultural exchange program with musicians from Cuba). His interest in historic preservation began as a member of Tempe Leadership Class 21 which raised more than \$40,000 for Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation's Eisendrath House rehabilitation. And he is active in Neighbors Helping Neighbors which aids the elderly with transportation or helps them remain in their homes by doing yard work or helping with some repairs. Woody has lived in Tempe for 28 years, 25 of them with wife Carol. Oh, yes - he also was, for several years the co-creator of two comic strip revivals - Rex Morgan, M.D. & Judge Parker.

Anne Chander - A Strong Interest In History Got Her Involved

A Tempe resident since 1979, Anne Chandler says she has always had a strong interest in history and wanted to contribute her time to “learning more about and sharing the history of our community.” She has done just that since retiring in 2010 after a long career as an Arizona Department of Economic Security contracts specialist. The Philadelphia native, who grew up in Paramus, New Jersey, is in her fourth year on the THS Board of Directors. She serves on the Society's Larry Campbell Tree of Lights committee and is its representative on the Museum's Collections Committee. She has also been a member of the Rio Salado Advisory Commission and the Tempe History Museum Advisory Board and volunteers for the Friends of the Tempe Public Library, processing book donations in the bookstore. Anne, who earned a psychology degree from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, initially came to Tempe to attend Arizona State University to earn her master's degree in educational psychology. Happily married to Douglas and the stepmother to three adult children, she is having fun in retirement as she learns guitar and French, enjoys acrylic painting and reading.

Eduarda Yates - Tempe Pioneers Are In Her Family Background

Eduarda Yates comes by a love of Tempe history naturally; her family has lived much of it. Her roots in Tempe began in 1888 with Kentuckians James and Mary Ann “Molly” Woolf. Because they wanted all their children to go to college, they moved here from New Mexico just after Tempe Normal School (progenitor of Arizona State University) opened. Daughters of the Woolfs' granddaughter Helen O'Connor and her husband Tom Harter, Eduarda and her sister Susan (who became an avid historic homes preservation activist) lived as young girls in Tempe's historic Petersen House. Eduarda attended Payne Training School (where her grandmother Ida Woolf O'Connor had taught teachers), Tempe High School and ASU where she earned education and art education degrees (and where her mother and, for nearly 40 years her father, taught art classes). A Roosevelt School District teacher for eight years until becoming a stay at home mom for her and teacher husband Ron Yates' three children, Eduarda has been a member of ASU Choral Union and her church choir for many years, and volunteers with ARC and the District 1 Human Rights Committee for Developmentally Disabled.

Marcie Gorman - She Grew Up In An Officially-Historic Tempe Home

Built in the late 1880s, the deteriorating old adobe house at 927 East Eighth Street (Creamery Road) is where one of Tempe Historical Society Board's newest members Marcie Gorman, who came aboard this past February, grew up. Built by her grandfather, well-known Tucson native Vicente Elias, as one of the first homes in the old Sotello Addition, it became Marcie's home as a toddler when her parents, Irene Elias and husband Reynaldo Rodriguez, moved in to care for her aging grandmother Inez Elias. Marcie lived in the house until she was 25, attending Tempe's old 10th Street Grammar School and becoming a 1952 graduate of Tempe High School. She remembers, and spoke of it in a “Lunch Talk” program for the Historical Society last winter, a time when fruit trees produced fruit in her grandmother's back yard and the canal ran uncovered along Creamery Road, lined with cottonwood trees. Mrs. Gorman worked for a time at Valley National Bank's Phoenix home office. Except for a few years living with her then-young family in northern Arizona after her husband passed away, Marcie has made Tempe her home the biggest part of her 80-plus years.

Carter Rogers - Enjoys Helping Folks Learn About Tempe History

A Tempe resident for the past 19 years, Carter Rogers joined the Historical Society Board of Directors just this past March, but he's no stranger at Tempe History Museum. He has been a volunteer there more than 15 years, primarily working with Curator of Collections Josh Roffler in communications and data entry. He also helps with the Petersen House Danish Christmas, its special tours and programs for fourth-graders. Holder of Chemical Engineering B.S. and Masters degrees from the Universities of Missouri and Connecticut, Carter came to Arizona in 1972 to work for Arizona Public Service Company, holding Nuclear Engineering and Regulatory Affairs positions. He obviously loves museums - after retiring in 1996, he and his wife annually spent part of their year in Missouri where he volunteered at the Ray County Missouri Museum, was a member of its Board and served as Ray County Genealogical Society librarian. He says he enjoys museum work and “appreciates the opportunity to facilitate making that information available” to Tempeans and visitors. Recently moved to Friendship Village, the Rogers have three children and five grandchildren who reside nearby.