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The Society can always use the help of - and very much appreciate - new sponsors, especially as we look ahead to the coming-up Hayden's Ferry Days celebration of Tempe's Sesquicentennial. That's Tempe's 150th birthday and it's just a couple more years down the road in 2021. The Society, Museum and the City, want to make that celebration one to especially remember.

If you happen to see - or are a customer of - any of our sponsors and you enjoy Hayden's Ferry Days festivities, please let them know you appreciate their help making those events possible. (And plan on taking in those activities in February and March - see pages 2-4)

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BACK AGAIN to help Tempeans celebrate their community's history during Hayden's Ferry Days, AZ Cattle Co.'s ranching family will be cooking up a frontier style meal for the opening event - a Founders Day dinner at historic Hackett House on February 22. Judging from above photo taken at last year's event, nobody went

TICKETS - EVENT BRITE online is the main place to buy tickets this year for Ferry Days events requiring them but tickets will also be available at Tempe History Museum's front desk and some at Hackett House. Except for the Founders Day dinner, tickets are \$25.

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BIGGER AND BETTER:

As the countdown to Tempe's 250th birthday narrows, Tempe Historical Society's goal of making each year's Hayden's Ferry Days celebration bigger and better on the way to a real blast celebrating that 2021 Sesquicentennial is showing up this year.

For newcomers who may not know, Hayden's Ferry was the name briefly given back in 1871 to what became the little town of Tempe. It was named for founder Charles Trumbull Hayden's innovative ferry across the Salt River which gave folks (horses and wagons!) on this side of the river a way to get to the other side and on their way to Phoenix when the river ran full..

Ferry Days chairman Richard Bauer, past Tempe Historical Society president, says festivities planned in this new year of 2019 for the fourth annual celebration of the founding of Hayden's Ferry are scheduled from February 22 when the traditional **Founders Dinner** will kick it off (see story below) through March 16 when the 15th Annual **Catch-A-Wave Car Show** staged by Tempe Nuevo Kiwanis Club at Kiwanis Park becomes a new part of the Hayden's Ferry Days celebration.

In between there will be February 23 Walks Through History Tours including a 9-11 a.m. **"Outside and Inside Tour"** of historic buildings on Mill Avenue - among them Tempe Hardware Store. Its upstairs "attic" over the years served many purposes including a ballroom, a meeting place for Tempe organizations (among them the Odd Fellows for whom the ballroom was named), Tempe City Council meetings, an early elementary school class, an art gallery and a little theater group.

Among the hardware store's last owners was John J. Curry, a prominent and well liked Tempe citizen. He also served as Maricopa County's Works Project Administration administrator during the Great Depression overseeing construction of the Moeur Activity building at Arizona State University among other projects.

Also on February 23, a second of the "Walk Through History Tours" will be a 1-4 p.m. event. There won't really be much walking though. The **"We'll Always Have Adobe" tour** will bus participants to six historic adobe homes in Tempe. Leading that tour will be a former Tempe mayor, Hugh Hallman, and he and some friends will talk about the architecture of the houses and the people who live or have lived in them. (see story page 3). Always a big - and fun -part of Hayden's Ferry Days is the free **Ferry**

Days Festival on the grounds in front of Tempe History Museum mostly but there will be activities inside the museum for children. The Festival is free and provides a wide variety of activities for all ages from demonstrations of various crafts to music by various musical groups. It will entertain and educate visitors from 1 to 5 p.m. (see page 3)

Carrying Hayden's Ferry Days on into March will be **"Landmark Tours of Historic Houses"** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 2. It's neither a bus nor a walking tour, you'll have to get to the houses under your own steam for a self-guided tour. Open for you to see will be the famous Petersen House Museum, Hackett House, Elias-Rodriguez House and the luxurious Eisendrath House.

There will be another occasion to visit a couple of those historic houses on March 3 when both the hilltop Eisendrath House and Petersen House Museum will be sites for **"Historic House Teas."** The garden teas and tours will start at 2 p.m. Such afternoon teas were once a very popular social event in many communities across the U.S.A. - even in the "old wild West." Hayden's Ferry founder Charles Trumbull Hayden's wife, Sallie Davis Hayden, hosted teas at the Hayden home - and the Hayden daughters, Sally and Mary, in later years opened and ran a tea house in the old Hayden house - La Casa Vieja.

Last of the 2019 Hayden's Ferry Days events will be a newcomer to the celebration though it is marking its 15th year as a Tempe event. That's the **Kiwanis Club of Tempe Nuevo's Catch-A-Wave Car Show** and it will be a 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. happening at Tempe's Kiwanis Park on March 16. You'll see lots of old cars there from many decades. (If you have an old vehicle you would like to show off you can find information and entry forms on the Kiwanis Club of Tempe Nuevo web site.)

With the exception of the Founders Dinner most of this year's Hayden's Ferry's Days pay-for events are \$25. See the Hayden's Ferry Days 2019 online site for tickets information.

In addition to the Historical Society's "forever partner" - the Tempe History Museum - partners in the Hayden's Ferry Day celebrations this year include the City of Tempe Arts & Culture, Tempe Sister Cities, Friends of Tempe Library, Tempe Historic Preservation Foundation and the Rio Salado Foundation.

A 'Pair To Draw To' Should Draw Lots of Pairs To HFD Founders Dinner



You can't pack much more history into one evening than having two of Arizona's most revered "storytellers" sing and tell tales about Arizona's history, cowboys cooking your old Western-style dinner on Dutch Ovens near a covered wagon, and feasting on that meal in a building that's been around for 130 years. That's what you'll get - all for just \$40 a head - when Tempe Historical Society kicks off its fourth annual Hayden's Ferry Days with a Founder's Day Dinner, February 22, 6-8 p.m., at the restored 1888-built Hackett House (originally home of Tempe's first bakery and the baker's family, now Tempe Sister Cities quarters), 95 West Fourth Street.

Those two storytellers are **Dolan Ellis** (left in photo above), our state's Official Balladeer for more than 50 years, and **Marshall Trimble** (at right) Arizona's Official Historian since 1997. The two guitar-playing singers will be strumming, singing and telling tales of the Old (and newer, too) West.

Folk singer **Dolan Ellis** was Kansas-born and raised but grew up loving those singing cowboys in the old Western movies. He came to Phoenix and Arizona for the first time in 1959 and it has been "home" ever since though he was away often in the 1960s after becoming part of the New Christy Minstrels when that Grammy Award winning group was formed.

Claimed by the Halls of Fame of both Arizona Music and Entertainment and Arizona Tourism, Dolan and his music were read into the Congressional Record by the late Senator John McCain.

Ellis now goes "on the road" with his own one-man show entertaining throughout Arizona and spends time at the Arizona Folklore Preserve he founded in Ramsey Canyon in the Huachuca Mountains as a place for celebrating and preserving songs and stories of Western heritage and culture. In partnership with the University of Arizona South, the preserve was expanded in 2001 with the building of a Folklore center including a state-of-the-art theater.

Marshall Trimble doesn't need much of an introduction to Tempe folks. Known as the "Will Rogers of Arizona" and the "Dean of Arizona Historians," the Arizona native was born on a farm between Tempe and Mesa, attended Kyrene school and Phoenix College. He retired from teaching in 2014 after having taught Arizona history in high schools (where he virtually had to write the "history book" himself) and for 40 years at Scottsdale Community College. He's been a frequent speaker at Tempe Historical Society and Tempe Museum events.

Trimble's knowledge of Arizona and the Old West has poured into more than 20 books, provided columns for magazines, tales for radio shows and documentaries for television. And his work has earned the ex-Marine numerous awards, among them Lifetime Achievement Awards from both the National Wild West History Association and Arizona Office of Tourism and induction into the Arizona Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame.

And if those two don't provide enough history for Founder's Day Dinner attendees, an authentic Old West dinner will be prepared at a covered wagon on Dutch Ovens by real cowboys and cowgirls from the AZ Cattle Co. They are coming back for a second year to participate in Hayden's Ferry Days. (And they received raves for their Old West feast from last year's guests.)

The \$40 tickets for the 6-8:30 p.m. event covers entertainment, dinner and one beverage.

There Will Be A Lot Going On At Festive Ferry Days Festival

Want to kick up your heels and dance to live music or get a clue on how to start making your own music with a guitar - or maybe get some hints on how to be a poet, mask maker or woodcarver, turn your backyard into a flower garden or maybe even a date, cotton or chicken farm.

Or perhaps you are the do-it-yourself homemaker who would like to learn more about making your own decorative touches for your home like quilts or baskets or ceramic vases?

But then again maybe you're the guy who would rather just reminisce about your own cars of yesteryears while checking out vehicles like a 1951 Chevrolet, a low rider, muscle car or even a firetruck or police car?

Possibly you wonder what groups like Tempe Preservation Foundation, Friends of the Library, the Veterans Association or Tempe Historical Society do and if you might get involved in one of them

Whatever your interest, you're sure to find something to enjoy, and even learn from, at the 1 to 5 p.m. Fourth Annual Hayden's Ferry Days Festival celebrating Tempe's "birthday" on Sunday, February 24 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the area outside Tempe History Museum.

The festival is free and open to the public - kids included (there will be fun things especially for them to do inside the Tempe History Museum). Generally the festival attracts food vendors with for-sale food items - but you also might get to sample wares from Isabella's tortilla making or Fire & Foraged goat cheese making demonstrations.

But maybe you might just want to sit down, relax, watch the crowd and listen to the assorted music makers who will be performing "under the

tent" throughout the afternoon - - - you could do that while enjoying a free serving of ice cream, courtesy of the Tempe Historical Society which is marking its own 50th Anniversary in this new year of 2019 and wants you to join them in celebrating it. THS and the Museum hope you will also join them in celebrating the double birthdays" at other Hayden's Ferry Days activities dotting the 2019 calendar from February 22 through March 16



HALLOWEEN doesn't come in February - but costumed **Las Chollas Peligrosas** all-female band will take Tempe's Hayden's Ferry Days February 24 Festival, as a substitute. **Peligrosas** means "dangerous women" so in addition to performing traditional Mexican music, expect a little "getting in your face" about social



YOUTH GROUPS are always a big part of the entertainment at the Historical Society's annual Hayden's Ferry Days festival and this year will be no exception. Among the younger performers will be the **Mariachi** group above and - (guaranteed to create a **BIG** sound) - a large group of young steel drummers.



DOUBLING UP to provide a double treat for HFD Festival goers will be a pair of Arizona Blues Hall of Fame guitarists - **Chuck Hall** (left) and **Hans Olson** (who strums a guitar and mouths a harmonica all at the same time).



It's Just Mud, But It Built A Lot Of Old West Houses - Many In Tempe; Take A Hayden's Ferry Days Bus Tour And See Some Of Them

It's just mud - dirt mixed with water and straw - the mixing done most often in the old Southwest by the bare feet of mostly Mexican or Indian laborers, with trousers rolled up to the knees, stomping the mixture in a ditch or shallow hole until thoroughly blended. Then it was turned into molds (or actually hand-molded in very early days in places like Arizona and New Mexico) and sun-dried.

It was just mud, but it was **THE** building material of the Old West, Hayden's Ferry included. Today, it's still a prized home construction material for many people because it saves on energy bills. Now though some homebuilding businesses have taken adobe into their wares - making the process more mechanical. There are still some hardy souls though who prefer to do their own brick-making the old fashioned way.

A half dozen of those adobe houses in Tempe will be destinations for a Hayden's Ferry Days "We'll Always Have Adobe - Tempe Adobe Bus Tour" as part of the Historical Society's "Walk Through History" tours on February 23. Former Tempe Mayor Hugh Hallman and some friends will lead the 1-4 p.m. bus tour - and talk about the houses and the people who lived in them).

Included in the tour: the **Hayden House** (known also as La Casa Vieja) and the **Gonzales-Martinez, Farmer-Goodwin, Elias-Rodriguez, Eisendrath** and the **Sandra Day O'Connor** houses. If you've lived in Tempe long, some - if not all - of those names will be familiar. The Hayden House welcomed guests from its beginning as the home of Tempe's founder Charles Trumbull Hayden and wife Sallie David. The house was known to Tempeans for many, many years as La Casa Vieja - the best place in town to dine and to throw big banquets.

Catch the Adobe Houses tour bus at the Arizona Heritage Center, 1300 North College Avenue (be there before 1 p.m. because that's when the bus pulls out).



The West's old adobe houses used to look like this deserted dwelling



These days those adobe houses look a lot more like this one - **Tempe's** historic **Farmer-Goodwin House**.

Kids to Tea-Partiers, Car Lovers to Music Lovers - Ferry Days Always Has Something For Everyone



JUST A SAMPLING of what can show up as part of Hayden's Ferry Days -Tempe Historical Society Vice-President and longtime photographer **LARRY MISHLER** snapped these at some of last year's HFD activities. Old cars, children enjoying dancing to music, and a performance by young violinists were among the many 2018 HF Festival's attractions; the ladies were getting ready for a luncheon at historic Eisendrath House; and (below) Tempe Museum curator of history Jared Smith was leading visitors on a Petersen House tour. And you've gotta have at least one Old West tough guy at a Hayden's Ferry Days Festival!

