



## ***Come Along And Help Us Begin An Annual 'Hayden's Ferry Days'***

Do the names Marshall Trimble, Dolan Ellis, Dan "Igor" Glenn, Hans Olson ring a bell with you? Been inside Tempe's historic Petersen or Hackett or Eisendrath houses - and know why they are historic? Or for that matter, have you ever visited the Tempe History Museum at 809 East Southern Avenue? Know what buildings in downtown Tempe have histories dating back to the late 1800s or early 20th Century?

Those names and places and histories will all show up as part of a variety of activities planned for what Tempe Historical Society's Board of Directors anticipates will be the First Annual Hayden's Ferry Days, a March 18-19 celebration of Tempe's history and heritage. Though there were scattered settlers in the area before then, including the little Mexican community of San Pablo near what is now Hayden Butte, Tempe's history is considered to have begun in 1871 as Hayden's Ferry - so named for the Salt River ferry opened by wagon freighter, businessman, Hayden Mills founder Charles Trumbull Hayden. The Connecticut Yankee had come to Tubac in 1856 and later became a distinguished merchant and judge in Tucson before a freighting trip to Prescott decided his move to the future Tempe area.

Taking their cue from Tempe's hugely successful April 1971 "Century in the Sun" Centennial Celebration, Tempe's Historical Society, History Museum, Sister Cities organization, Historic Preservation Foundation, Downtown Tempe Authority, Kiwanis Nuevo and other community groups will take part in launching Hayden's Ferry Days to bring the community together to honor, celebrate and get to know a little more about their city's history and heritage while having fun doing it. And hopefully to encourage Tempeans to get involved in efforts to preserve that history, not only of the city, but of their own families as well.

Friday's only activity will be an Historical Society and Sister Cities-hosted \$100-per-person, 7 to 10 p.m., by-reservation only dinner at downtown Tempe's historic Hackett House for 100 Hayden's Ferry Days sponsors, major donors and their guests. The evening's main attraction will be longtime Arizona Official State Historian, Marshall Trimble - who, as well as spinning great yarns about Arizona history, sings and strums a guitar. He was born, raised and has been a unique Arizona history teacher in the Tempe-Mesa area. There will be gifts of historical interest for the dinner guests - including matted prints of sketches of Tempe historic places by well known Tempe artist Richard Nearing.

For the general public, Saturday will be the big day with activities from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or later between downtown Tempe and around the Tempe History Museum and Library at Southern Avenue and Rural Road. They'll range from downtown history walks and open houses at special places to top entertainment

by some famous names in Tempe and elsewhere and other activities for all ages in the museum area (**see Page 2**).

Kiwanis Club of Tempe Nuevo's 12th Annual Catch-A-Wave Car Show will be a Hayden's Ferry Days event from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Kiwanis Park - an historic site in itself. The show offers not just some very old and some really beautiful cars (think 1950s!) for viewing, but also hamburgers, hotdogs and Mexican food booths, a silent auction, special exhibits, entertainment by the Kyrene Middle School Band and more. Cars and their owners, who often show up in costumes of their cars' eras, are being invited to cruise Mill Avenue and stop at the festival at show's end.



**HACKETT HOUSE**

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**LONGTIME TEMPE ARTIST** Richard Nearing (left) gets something to hang on his wall for a change from Tempe Historical Society Board of Directors President Richard Bauer. Bauer presented the Society's former Board treasurer with a certificate declaring him a lifetime member of the Historical Society in recognition of his many years of providing prints of his sketches of Tempe historic buildings and places to THS. They are used as gifts for new members of the Historical Society and for other purposes.  
- Mary Ann Kwilosz photo

## TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE. . .

For Saturday early-risers, Hayden's Ferry Days offers a March 19, 8-11 a.m. "Walk Thru History" of downtown's historic sites, visits to 19th Century **HACKETT HOUSE** - Tempe's very first bakery, now home to Tempe Sister Cities gift shop and events; and open houses at the pueblo revival style **EISENDRATH HOUSE** in Papago Park, recently restored to be the Eisendrath Center for Water Conservation, part of the Carl Hayden Campus for Sustainability and that "grand old lady" of all - the **PETERSEN HOUSE**, pioneer Niels Petersen's Queen Anne Victorian-style home at Southern Avenue and Priest Drive, rarely open to the public except at Christmas.

## Famous Folks Entertaining For Hayden's Ferry Days

Some famous names in Tempe and Arizona, as well as elsewhere on this and other continents, will be coming to Tempe - again - to help Tempeans celebrate their history at the First Annual Hayden's Ferry Days big Saturday doings, March 19, in the area around the History Museum and Library in Tempe's Cultural Center at Southern Avenue and Rural Road.



**Dolan Ellis**

They include: Arizona's Official Balladeer for some 46 years and Grammy Awardee Dolan Ellis whose name and music have been entered into the U.S. Congressional Record by Arizona's U.S. Senator John McCain; Dan "Igor" Glenn (a three-time winner of NBC's "Gong Show") and the Jazz Cowboys, providing music from the "Roots of Americana" - including that of Arizona's cowboys; and solo blues artist Hans Olson, who blends blues, country and folk music in his performances.

Olson helped found Tempe's Sun Club, which launched the Gin Blossoms (among others) on their career, and helped establish several Valley and state music heritage foundations and Halls of Fame. Both Ellis and Glenn are former members of the Grammy Award-winning New Christy Minstrels folk music group. All three have been part of Tempe's music scene through the years.

## Past TDN Pair To Recall Celebrations Of Yore

A pair of former Tempe Daily News employees will be looking back at some past celebrations and special events in Tempe's history as speakers for March's Tempe Historical Society-sponsored "Lunch Talk." March 9, 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at Tempe History Museum, 809 East Southern Avenue. As they are both also members of the Tempe Historical Society Board of Directors, they're hoping their program of words and pictures will whet interest in turning out for the First Annual Hayden Ferry Days celebration coming up March 18-19.

Offered annually by the Society on the second Wednesdays monthly from October through April, except for December, the Lunch Talks are free and open to the public. Coffee and light refreshments are served, but attendees are welcome to bring their own sack lunches if they wish.

Joining to share some highlights of celebrations of the past will be former TDN reporter/editor Peggy Bryant and photographer Larry Mishler, both graduates of Arizona State College/University. Peggy covered some of those celebrations (and heard about others) in her 20-plus years as reporter/editor with the *Tempe Daily News*, 10 years with the *TDN-Tribune/East Valley Tribune* as editorial page editor, "Ferry Tales" columnist and feature writer.

Providing the visuals and some of his own commentary will be Larry Mishler, whose longtime experience in photography began as a boy working in his father's Mesa camera shop - just down the block from where Peggy began her newspaper career at the *Mesa Tribune* in 1952 and occasionally took film to the Mishler shop to be developed. The two ran into each other again a dozen or so years later when he became part of TDN's back shop, learning the printing trade and snapping photos for the newspaper while also working on an education degree. His ASU sports photos appeared in TDN for many years after he left the newspaper for a career with the Tempe Elementary School District as teacher, counselor and, finally, director of the District's own print shop. For a spell in between he and Bob Connolly, son of Tempe Daily News owners Frank and Irma, had a photography shop of their own.

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## **NEXT LUNCH TALK SPEAKER . . .**

# Ron Pies Grew Tempe's A-1 P&R Program

If you are one of the many who enjoy the multiplicity of activities offered by Tempe's Parks and Recreation Department, you owe a big vote of gratitude to Ronald Pies, Tempe Historical Society's Lunch Talk speaker for April, which is about the time when Tempeans are signing up for summer P&R programs. Pies will share memories of his early years of helping make Tempe a greater place to live in his 11:30 a.m., April 3, talk on "Adding Spice to Leisure Life in Tempe." His talk in the Tempe Museum Community Room will be the last THS "Lunch Talk" until next October.

Ron, hired as director of the department just six years after graduating in 1963 from Arizona State University, grew the department and its recreational and cultural offerings for Tempeans from tots to senior citizens into one of the best programs in the state and even in the nation. Attesting to that are the numerous awards he earned for the City and himself - among them the National Parks and Recreation Association's National Gold Medal for Excellence in Parks and Recreation Management in both 1974 and 1995 and the Outstanding Professional Award from that association's Pacific Southwest Regional Council; the Arizona Parks and Recreation Association's Distinguished Life Member award and one of nine "Leisure Legends" honorees named by the association as it celebrated its first 50 years; and induction into the Halls of Fame of both ASU's College of Public Programs and Tempe Elementary School District.

Pies, who began the development of Tempe's 125-acre Kiwanis Park among many other accomplishments, was with the City of Tempe for 30 years - promoted in 1984 to Tempe Community Services Director. He held appointments from Governors Raul Castro, Bruce Babbitt, Evan Meacham, Fife Symington and Janet Napolitano to recreation-related commissions, serving as chairman of a couple of them.

And still, he found time to volunteer with, not just one or two, but many organizations serving youth and the community - among them as founding Board member of Tempe YMCA and the Tempe Convention and Visitors Bureau and founding chairman of the Fiesta Bowl High School Soccer Classic, member of Tempe Boys Club board, chairman of the Kyrene Governing Board and president of the Cactus League Baseball Association.

### **NOTES FROM THE THS BOARD:**

#### **Take A Look At Historical Society's New Web Site**

Tempe Historical Society is "growing up." Not only does the Society's Board of Directors have an office of its own now within the Tempe History Museum (in a room just behind the gift shop area), it's just gone online - and you'll really love, laugh and maybe even get teary-eyed over some of its photos and stories (at [www.tempehistory.org](http://www.tempehistory.org)). THS newsletters will be posted on the site along with information on Society and Museum events, Society membership and the perks it offers. There's a membership application form if you would like to join us (do so before May and attend our membership ice cream social on May 15!). The advertising and design firm of Davidson and Belluso (D+B) created the web site with input from THS Board members and Museum Manager Brenda Abney.

Call the Historical Society's main number, 480-350-5100, to get the THS office; its hours are sporadic as staffing is voluntary.

#### **Historical Society Members Due An Ice Cream Social**

Tempe Historical Society's Board of Directors is planning an old-fashioned ice cream social for the Society's general membership on **May 15 starting at 2 p.m.** It will be an informal event at the Tempe History Museum in the city's cultural center at Rural Road and Southern Avenue, said Board member Mary Ann Kwilosz who is in charge of planning it. Board President Richard Bauer will give a welcome talk. The social is one of the special events which the Historical Society decided to provide two or three times a year for the general membership. (And if you're not a member, sign-up month for membership is April and you still could be!)

#### **THS Board Welcomes New Member Marcie Gorman**

Marcie Gorman, a recent THS "Lunch Talk" speaker has become the newest member of the Board of Directors of Tempe History Museum - fittingly since her family was a part of Tempe's early history. Marcie grew up in a Tempe home that has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1984 and was built nearly a century earlier. Her grandfather, Tucson native Vicente Elias, built the adobe home on East Eighth Street in the Sotello Addition - an early Mexican barrio - for his wife Inez and family at the very beginning of the 19th Century. Marcie moved in as a tot with her parents Reynaldo Rodriguez and wife Irena (the youngest Elias daughter) to care for Mrs. Elias when Vicente died in 1933. She stayed until she was 25.

The house, which is now in the care of the City of Tempe, still stands on East Eighth Street as the last remaining old adobe home in the Sotello Addition.

### ***Young Artists To Vie For 'Place In Congress'***

Young artists from Tempe, Ahwatukee, Mesa and several other Valley communities will be vying for places in the U.S. Congress and Capitol when they gather at Tempe History Museum, 809 East Southern Avenue, on April 30, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - not places for the artists, but for their works of art.

They'll be at the Museum for an exhibit of their work, a reception and an awards program. Their art teachers, families and the general community are invited, too.

The occasion is part of an annual nationwide program in which U.S. Congress members from across the country who want to participate invite high school artists from their own Congressional Districts to submit art work for judging. The artists in the local show will be from District 9 (that of Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema in whose D.C. office the local Best in Show runner-up will have her or his work on display for six months).

The Best in Show winner's work will get the thrill of a young lifetime. For one whole year, that item will be exhibited in the U.S. Capitol. First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention awards in various mediums will be presented, too.



# ***Texas Sun Bowl & Dixie Are Special In ASU History***

There were footballs galore in the air, tons of visitors from out of state, and plenty of excitement for football fans in Arizona in December and January what with the new "Home Nova Loans" Arizona Bowl at Arizona Stadium in Tucson on December 29, the "Battlefrog" Fiesta Bowl staged at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale on December 31, the "Motel 6" Cactus Bowl at Chase Field in Phoenix on January 2 (ASU's Sun Devils losing a heartbreaker, 43-42, to the Mountaineers of West Virginia in that one) and the grand finale 2016 College Football Playoff National Championships game at University of Phoenix Stadium on January 11 with Cotton Bowl winner Alabama Crimson Tide besting Orange Bowl winner Clemson Tigers for the title, 45-40.

For hometown football fans of yore in Tempe though, not one of those - or any other of the 41 bowl games across the country - could have garnered the excitement (nor possibly engendered the disbelief!) that ASU's predecessor Arizona State Teachers College's first appearances in football bowl games did back in 1940 and 1941. Those were the last two of four years as coach of the ASTC Bulldogs for Millard "Dixie" Howell, the University of Alabama All-America quarterback who had led his team to a 29-13 Rose Bowl victory over Stanford in 1935. After a year of building the ASTC team in Tempe, he took the Bulldogs from a 10-year history of 26 wins, 73 losses, to more wins over the next two years than had been scored in the school's history.

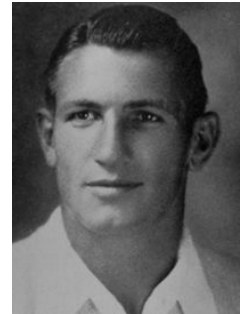
And - he took them to their first undefeated season in the Border Conference in the 1940 season, conference titles in two seasons, their first- and second-ever football bowl games in 1940 and 1941- the first of which defied everybody's guess as to who would win and who would not and failed to answer the question it was supposed to decide as to whether or not "a good little team can beat a good big one."

The New Year's Day Sun Bowl games in El Paso, Texas became both the Bulldogs' first and second bowl games (and they've been back a few times since). The 1940 game with Washington D.C.'s Catholic University was expected to be one of the highest scoring games of the year though most believed CUA would win; its team had been royally welcomed to El Paso. Apparently ASTC was not quite so royally welcomed as reports don't say much about their arrival in El Paso. Arizona Governor Bob Jones attended the game; his daughter was the Sun Bowl parade grand marshal.

All 15,000 seats for the game were sold. That first bowl game for ASTC didn't decide that little team vs. big team question because the game with Washington, D.C.'s Catholic University of America ended in a 0-0 tie, much to everyone's surprise - and no doubt annoyance, too. It still stands as the only scoreless game in Sun Bowl history. A "gale-like wind" was blamed for the fact that only 16 yards were gained by passes (and it took CUA's quarterback 15 attempts to make the three completed passes that accomplished that). Border Conference leading scorer and Little All-America second team'er, Wayne "Ripper" Pitts and fellow fullback Joe Hernandez, were hampered by the wind, too. The 205 net yards the Bulldogs made were through rushing, none were made by the seven passes attempted.

The Bulldogs were invited back to the Sun Bowl the next year - and in that 1941 game with Case Western Reserve they were on the losing end of a 26-13 score, but Pitts caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Hernandez and on 27 carries had 121 rushing yards. History was made when "The Tombstone Terror" - Hascall Henshaw - made a 94-yard touchdown run that for 27 years was the record for the longest in college football history and today is listed as ASU's fourth longest all-time record. Henshaw rushed 29 times for 147 yards in the Sun Bowl and was named to the 1941 All-America Team. He was one of 75 players named in 2008 to the 75th anniversary All-Sun Bowl Team. Henshaw made Tempe his home after graduating from ASU and became a well-known personality in the community, eventually becoming the high school district's athletic administrator. Corona del Sol High School's stadium is named for him.

The Tempe college's football team didn't appear in another bowl game after the 1941 Sun Bowl until the short-lived Salad Bowl debuted in Phoenix in 1951 and ASTC had become Arizona State College. Then it would be nearly another 20 years and another name change to Arizona State University before yet another bowl invitation came its way in 1970 Peach Bowl on December 30 in Atlanta, Georgia. By then, the head football coach was Frank Kush who was on his way to becoming the school's winningest football coach ever and a 49-26 win achieved in a blizzard was a big bonus-



***Dixie Howell***

Coach Howell resigned his coaching job in Tempe in the spring of 1942 after the U.S.A. entered World War II. He served as a physical training instructor for Navy aerial pilots until his November 1945 discharge as a Lt. Commander and going back to coaching - first for a year as baseball coach for his Alabama alma mater, then from 1946-1950 as head football coach at Idaho. He died of cancer in March 1971 at age 58 in Hollywood, California - but not before, in spite of his painful fight against cancer, he had made a trip back to Tempe in 1969 for a reunion. From a perch atop Sun Devil Stadium, he and the ASTC Bulldogs who staged the gathering watched ASU's Sun Devils, for the fifth year straight year, beat the UofA Wildcats.

## ***SEEN IT YET? YOU SHOULD!***

Tempe History Museum's **Legend City Exhibit** continues through October 6 in the changing exhibit space. The exhibit brings back memories of the long gone 58-acre amusement park between Tempe and Phoenix which opened in 1963 and closed 20 years later. Think Wallace & Ladmo shows, aerial rides, Miss America Vonda Kay Van Dyke's ventriloquist dummy, spooky excursions through a cave in a mine cart or adventures rafting down the Salt River.