

# THE WRIGHT TIMES

Newsletter of the Wrightwood Historical Society August 2015

*"Guardians of the Past"*



## WHS History Goes Digital

The Wrightwood Historical Society is embracing the "digital age" of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with two new projects. The Board decided to authorize transfer of 1970's videotapes housed at the museum to DVDs with the resulting masters to be backed up in computer drives.

In addition, once the gathering and sorting of 1960-1990 Mountaineer Progress newspapers is complete, and identification of pictures in museum file cabinets is further along, all of these photo records will be scanned and digitized as well for the WHS archive.



## The President's Letter

Recently Fred and Barbara Van Houten asked to be relieved from duty as our Editors in Chief for our newsletter. I reluctantly said ok. They have done a bang up job on our newsletters for the past few years and I cannot thank them enough.

One of our members, Suzanne Bauman, has stepped up to the plate to take on the duties. I know she will do a great job for the WHS.

Our Board elections went smoothly this year. We will maintain most of our Board members as of the past two years with two exceptions - one being the Corresponding Secretary who is Kathleen

Flanagan. She takes over from Carol Goss who was on the Board for many years in this position. Fran Baker, who was a Board at Large member, has removed herself from the Board. This position will not be filled at this time. Thank you to Fran for her years of service.

If you would like to put your hat in the ring for a Board position give me a call. If you have a proposal that you would like the Board to consider let me know about that also.

We have our T-shirts for sale as always. These WHS fundraisers help keep the doors open at the museum so please help us out.

Many new (old) items keep

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coming into the museum. Our local fire department called me and said they had items in their attic for me to come and get. They included many maps of WW II, 4 plaques, tapes and more. At my request I had one of our local artists, Carol Mailander, paint one of the plaques. It is now on display in the office area. Come in and take a look, it is outstanding.

A large 48 star flag was donated by member Pat Bittenbender. Which two final states were not

included at that time?

We purchased two mannequins from Something Old-Something New at a much-discounted price from Nancy Youngblood as the store was retiring from business.

Fran Baker purchased a period dress at a yard sale for \$1.00. She and Lori Jennings dressed one of the mannequins and it is now on display in our 1930's log cabin. Come take a look.

See you at the next meeting or at the museum.

## Quilt Prize Winner Announced



Wrightwood Historical Society wishes to congratulate the winner of the Summer Raffle. Lisa Udwin, daughter of WHS members Dick Home and Pat Home of Wrightwood, claimed the prize - a beautiful handmade Queen size 80 x 97 quilt made with an "Around the Block" pattern. The drawing was held on July 11, during the Mountaineer Days festival at the WHS vendor booth. President John Lenau held

the jar as Board Member Stuart Baker reached inside to retrieve the winning ticket. Stuart left the good news on Lisa's voicemail. Lisa claimed her prize quilt from President John Lenau at the Museum on July 25. T-shirt sales were brisk during Mountaineer Days. The new black earthquake-themed shirt was especially popular. Plenty of shirts are still available for purchase at the museum.

## Members In Memoriam

### Anita Bishop

8/29/1922 - 7/03/2015

Active in Wrightwood community since 1972, mother of 3, avid supporter of WMCA and wildlife, voted "Wrightwoodian of the Year" in 2004.

### Susan Gates

7/01/1932 - 7/13/2015

Moved to Wrightwood in 1962. Raised 4 children, earned degree in psychology, became local reporter and publisher of Tri-Community News Plus.

## Storytellers of Inlandia

On August 7 members and guests of the WHS were treated to a rich presentation of the literary legacy of our region, from indigenous peoples who first walked this land, to diaries and travel logs of European settlers, as well as world renowned authors whose works were inspired by the mountains and desert landscape that surround us. The talk was titled "Passes and Passages: The Literature of our Landscape, Inlandia."

WHS member Dr. Joan Koerper and fellow-presenter Phil Strange, a retired Episcopal priest now living in Wrightwood, alternated

readings from numerous storytellers, including Serrano singer Magdalena Grace Nombre, John Muir, actor cowboy William S. Hart, Louis L'Amour, Raymond Chandler, Joan Didion, and Inlandia Literary Laureate Juan Delgado. Joan calls them "a swarm of stories to fill the canyon," and concluded the talk with her own evocative poem about the ever-changing weather of Wrightwood.

*All of our monthly programs have been recorded on DVD and CD by Stuart Baker. Stop by the Museum any Saturday to review them on the computer.*



*William S. Hart*

*"A swarm of stories to fill the canyon"*

## Next WHS Meeting September 11, 2015



## CCHS Conference October 22-24

Suzanne Bauman  
Editor-in-Chief  
The Wright Times

Join other members for an informative trip to Redding, California to attend the next Conference of California Historical Societies.

Members will be responsible for all transportation and lodging costs. Program will be posted when finalized.

SAVE THE DATE!

## WHS Board of Directors

John Lenau, President  
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## Mission Statement Review:

*We're on the Web!*  
See us at:  
[wwhistory.org](http://wwhistory.org)

To Collect, Preserve, Display and Interpret the history of Wrightwood and the surrounding areas that have a direct impact on Wrightwood.

