

ABOUT US

The Prescott Corral was founded in 1962 as an affiliate of Westerners International, an organization dedicated to the preservation of the real history of the American West. Its original membership list, which included such well-known residents as Budge Ruffner, Gail Gardner, Danny Freeman, Bruce Fee and George Phippen, comprised a virtual “Who’s Who” of local historians, a tradition that is continued today by the 200 members of the 2008 Prescott Corral.

The Prescott Corral has a well-earned reputation for excellence with respect to the Western history programs it presents to its members and guests during its monthly dinner meetings at the historic St. Michaels Hotel and for the annual Western History Symposium it co-sponsors in the fall of each year with the Sharlot Hall Museum.

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