

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.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Mona Lange McCroskey is a fourth-generation Arizonan, and a member of a pioneer ranching family in Yavapai County. She grew up on the Yolo Ranch near Camp Wood and the SV Ranch northeast of Wikieup. Mona has bachelors and master’s degrees in southwest history from Arizona State University and a master’s of library science from the University of Arizona. In 2000 Mona received the Sharlot Hall Award for her contribution to the preservation of Arizona history, mainly from her work as Sharlot Hall Museum’s oral historian. In 2005 she was selected as an Arizona Culture Keeper.

Heidi J. Osselaer received her undergraduate degree in History at the University of California, Berkeley, and earned both her master’s degree and doctorate in U.S. History at Arizona State University. In the Spring of 2009, the University of Arizona Press will publish her book, *Winning Their Place: Women in Arizona Politics, 1883-1950*. Her paper, “Nellie Trent Bush: Arizona Politician,” garnered two awards at the 2008 Arizona Historical Conference. Currently she teaches U.S. History at Arizona State University, Tempe, and serves on the Scholars’ Committee of the Arizona Women’s Heritage Trail.

Jack Pfister is a third generation Arizonan who was born in Prescott. He obtained engineering and law degrees from the University of Arizona. He practiced law in Phoenix before joining the Salt River Project where he served as general manager for fifteen-years. Following his retirement from SRP he taught and held administrative positions at Arizona State University. He retired from ASU in 2002. His numerous community involvements include a term on the Arizona Board of Regents. Robert E. Morrison was his step-great grandfather.