

## ***ABOUT US***

The award-winning 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. Most recently the Prescott Corral has been honored as the top Corral for WI for 2008, among corrals chartered prior to 1973. This is the seventh time the Prescott Corral has won this honor.

## ***ABOUT OUR CONTRIBUTORS***

**Erik Berg** was raised in Flagstaff, Arizona and works in Phoenix as a software engineer. He has had a life-long interest in the history and culture of the southwest with a special focus on science and industry in the early twentieth century. Erik is an active member of the Scottsdale Corral of Westerners, current president of the Grand Canyon Historical Society and a regular contributor to both the Arizona History Convention and the *Journal of Arizona History*.

**Jay W. Eby** is a retired US Forest Service District Ranger and a long-time student of Arizona's involvement in the Spanish-American War. He was instrumental in the founding of "Troop 1/A of the Arizona Rough Riders" a ceremonial and re-enactment unit that is dedicated to the historically accurate portrayal of the life and times of the original Arizona Rough Riders.

**Tom Jonas** is a native of Arizona who has always had a curiosity about the history and geography of the state. Several years ago he began studying early American explorations of the southwest, eventually building a website ([www.southwestexplorations.com](http://www.southwestexplorations.com)) to publish some of his discoveries. Lately he has combined his interest in geography with a talent for graphic design and is now making custom maps for history books, journals, websites and brochures.

**John Langellier** received his BA and MA in history from the University of San Diego and his PhD with an emphasis in military history from Kansas State University. He is the author of dozens of books, monographs, and articles on various historical topics and is a long time consultant to film and television. His career in public history began with the United States Army in 1973 and continues to the present with his most recent position as the executive director of Sharlot Hall Museum in Prescott, Arizona.

Artist **Gary Melvin** planned a career in art after graduation from the University of North Dakota, but was sidetracked by the Vietnam War. After US Navy service as a hospital corpsman he graduated from medical school and went on to a 35-year career as a physician. He now is a full-time and prolific artist working from his studio in Prescott. To see more examples of his work please go to his web page: [garymelvinart.com](http://garymelvinart.com).

**Sandy Moss** was a newspaper reporter for more than a dozen years, both in Utah and in Prescott. She has worked as a broadcaster for more than six years at the Arizona Hometown Radio Group stations. She is also a staff writer for Prescott Woman Magazine. Sandy has a strong connection with Kate Cory, having portrayed her on stage in Chatauquas many times with the Blue Rose Theater, at the Westerners, Yavapai College, and at the Smoki Museum.