

ABOUT US

The award-winning Prescott Corral (www.prescottcorral.org) was founded in 1962 as an affiliate of Westerners International (www.westerners-international.org), an organization dedicated to the preservation of the real history of the American West.

The Prescott Corral has a well-earned reputation for excellence in preserving Western history through its monthly dinner meetings and the annual History Symposium it co-sponsors with the Sharlot Hall Museum. The Prescott Corral's most recent WI recognition went to corral member Dr. Joe Briggs who won third place in the Phillip A. Danielson competition for best presentation by any Westerner member in 2009.

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Al Bates served as the Prescott Corral Sheriff in 1998 and is an occasional speaker on Territorial Arizona history. He is the author of *Jack Swilling: Arizona's Most Lied About Pioneer*.

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